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## Jail for local man after meat skewer stabbing

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA



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A MAN who "wound himself up" at a party in Porthcawl, stabbed a fellow guest in the chest with a meat skewer, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Shaun Cleverdon (25) of Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl, was described by Recorder Jeremy Jenkins as "a dangerous offender".

He admitted wounding Nathan Harrison and was jailed for two years, two months. Prosecutor John Probert said that in March, a party took place in the grounds of a house in Porthcawl. At the time, Cleverdon was living in a log cabin in the grounds. At one point, Cleverdon confronted Mr Harrison

and stabbed him in the chest with a skewer.

The court heard that Cleverdon had convictions for wounding and for possessing a knife.

He was also convicted in the past for an offence of disorderly behaviour in Porthcawl, involving shouting and swearing at the police.

Cleverdon's counsel, Meirion Davies, said that during the attack, he injured himself.

"When in drink, he loses control. References paint a completely different picture. He is at a critical stage in his life and should stay away from drink."

The Recorder told him: "My concern is that he harms himself and it is my duty to protect members of the public."

He said Cleverdon's problem at the party, which he continued to have, was that a former girlfriend had ended their relationship and, as she was fully entitled to do, was associating with another man.

Added the Recorder: "That night, you wound yourself up. On three occasions, you armed yourself with a bar, a brick and finally a meat skewer."

"Luckily," he added, "the injury was not as serious as it was first thought."

by PHILIP IRWIN

**DOCUMENTARY**  
film-makers who recently put the spotlight on homelessness in Swansea, are planning something similar for the Wildmill estate in Bridgend.

Provisionally titled Wildmill - the Forgotten Estate - it will be broadcast on BBC Wales in 2016, if filming over the next four months is satisfactory.

The film-makers, Chris Rushton and Tracy Harris, are the same team that made *Swansea: Living on the Street* series, an account of the realities of homelessness.

Chris Rushton said, "The Wildmill series is a chance for the people on the estate to have a voice and show what life is really like.

"We hope it will shed some light on how estates like Wildmill could be turned around".

He said that residents told the filmmakers how projects like a community garden, a cycle workshop and football teams start up and then disappear, because there isn't the funding to keep them going.

As a result, there is a feeling of abandonment.

A spokesman said: "Wildmill began life in the 1970s and like many estates of the time, was seen as a far better place to live than the traditional terraced streets.

"Its architects won prizes for its design but now, 40 years on, it turns out the build quality wasn't the best. The houses' low pitched roofs weren't so clever and are prone to leak in the rain. Consequently, damp is a recurring problem for the 1,500 residents and for the housing associations that manage much of the housing stock."

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### Maesteg Children's Choir

THIS wonderful choir will be performing on Friday, June 26, in its 29th annual concert in Maesteg Town Hall at 7pm.

The compere for the evening will be Tony Mullins and accompanist Ryan Wood. Tickets are £7, concessions £5 obtainable from the town hall or by telephone 01656 732385, or 01656 733700.

The musical director Enid-Sian Hughes must be congratulated for the hard work she has put into the choir. The volunteers who have helped, the costume designers and seamstresses, choreographers etc all deserve a mention for helping make this choir such a success.

The choir in this year's concert will be performing a number of rock and pop songs from Broadway and West End musicals. In the first half there will be a selection from *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Mary Poppins*, the second half includes a Queen medley and *Eye of the Tiger*.

In November, the choir will be celebrating its 30th anniversary, and recently recorded a CD to commemorate this milestone. The volunteers are organising a reunion concert, where past and present choristers will perform in a concert together at Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, November 21.

Enid-Sian is requesting that all past members of the choir please contact her. The choir rehearses in the crypt of St Michael and All Saints' Church, Maesteg, on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

Any youngsters, aged eight to 17, who live in Bridgend county borough and would like the opportunity of performing in song and dance routines are most welcome to come along.

### Bridgend young singers

THE youngsters who reached the finals of this annual competition in Maesteg Town Hall last March, in recognition of their outstanding

performances were offered the opportunity of attending a masterclass by the international opera star Rebecca Evans.

In fact, the international musical stars who were adjudicators of the competition in March, Rebecca Evans, Grant Llewellyn and Callum Thomas, have all agreed to become patrons for the young singer competition in the future and vice-presidents of the Maesteg Gleemen male choir who organised the competition.

The guest soloist is West End and Broadway star John Owen-Jones, star of *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables* and *Sweeney Todd*. The compere for the evening is BBC presenter and singing star Beverley Humphreys.

**Tondu Primary School** BECAUSE of renovation work being carried out on Pandy Park pavilion, the school is unable to hold its sports day in its normal venue.

It is hoped weather permitting to hold the event next Tuesday, June 23 at 11am for Key S2 pupils in the grounds of Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Ynysawdref. Junior pupils in classes Llynfi, Ogwr, Rhondda, Taf and Usk will be taken by coach to the venue.

All will be performing under her guidance at a special event in Maesteg Town Hall on Sunday, June 28 at 5pm.

The Maesteg Gleemen male choir will be holding its annual concert in Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday, October 10 and Rebecca Evans will be the guest soloist.

The choir rehearses on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Royal British Legion Club, Commercial Street, Maesteg and new members will be most welcome.

### Maesteg Festival

ON June 18 - 19 there will be a free entry art exhibition at Maesteg Town Hall.

On Thursday, it is open from 10am to 8pm, on Friday from 10am to 4pm. Not only will there be exhibits from the local art society, but also from local secondary schools.

The Friends of Maesteg Hospital for the last 53 years have held an annual fete and fair in Maesteg.

This year it will be in Market Square on Saturday, June 20, from 10am to 4.30pm to raise funds for the hospital, and it will be bigger and better than ever, with lots of interesting stalls and attractions including a circus troupe, rodeo bull, football shootout, coconut shy, crafts, games and competitions.

You will also be able to treat yourself to a cup of tea and cake from its refreshment stand. Young singers and dancers will be on the stage all day.



Section of Churchdown male choir.



Soloist Joe Sendell with Ogmore Valley choir.



Soloist Ralph Barnes with Ogmore Valley choir



James Quinn at the piano, Eira Paskin and Gareth Waite seated.

**Heol Persondy**, towards Aberkenfig on Monday, June 22.

The speaker for the evening will be Mike Clubb whose subject will be 'The Bridgend Arsenal' the talk starts at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm.

**Tynyrheol Primary School** KERRY Jones, the headteacher, the staff and the children decide on a value which applies throughout that week, and certificates are presented to the pupil in each class who has best displayed this value throughout the week.

Kerry would also like to congratulate the four pupils who represented the school in the Bridgend North basketball trials, they were Rieley Fletcher, Rhidian John, Thomas Sage and Tyler Williams, with three being selected to play for the Bridgend North team.

They were Rieley Fletcher, Rhidian John and Thomas Sage. Tyler Williams was praised for his progress in basketball skills this year.

**Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir**

I HAD the pleasure of attending the concert last Saturday in the choir's Canolfan Bethlehem, Ogmore Vale, and it was a lovely evening.

The choir, along with its guest choir from the Cotswolds, Churchdown Male, blended well together. Both were friendly and the banter was nice to hear.

The choir, under its musical director Eira Paskin with accompanist Gareth Waite, began its performance with the popular 'Calon Lan'.

It is intended that all money raised will go towards the purchase of a new musical instrument.

Barnes and accompanist singing together was will be available in the James Quinn, provided a outstanding, Llangeinor Arms contrast with a Cole. The busy Ogmore afterwards. Porter medley. The choir is once again the choir rehearses in soloist in the first half in proving its community its Canolfan Bethlehem, was Churchdown's spirit by performing in a Commercial Street, on mid-summer concert in Thursday evenings from St Cien's Church, 7pm and new members rendition of the Jennifer Llangeinor on Sunday, and visitors are most June 21 at 7pm. Tickets welcome. are £3 and refreshments

The first half finished with the choirs joining together under the control of Eira Paskin and singing the rousing 'American Trilogy'.

The second half started with Ogmore choir singing Eira Paskin's musical arrangement of 'You Raise Me Up'.

Then we had the find of the evening - a young man from Ogmore Vale, Joe Sendell, a chorister with Only Boys Aloud, who as a soloist sang two songs: 'A Bit of Earth' and the lovely 'Somewhere' from *West Side Story*.

The second half finished with the choirs then joining together this time under Ralph Barnes, to sing the 'Anthem' from *Chess* and then Ralph amazed the audience announcing they would sing the Welsh folk song 'Gwaiddiad'. The sound created by both choirs

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

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21 Sun	10.19	9.0	22.36	8.9
22 Mon	10.58	8.7	23.14	8.6
23 Tues	11.38	8.3	23.57	8.2
24 Wed			12.22	7.9
25 Thur	00.47	7.9	13.19	7.7

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## CARDIFF CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

# Suspended sentence for mother of three after drugs offence

A MOTHER of three who committed a drugs offence has been given her "last chance" at Cardiff Crown Court.

Kayleigh James (26) of William Crescent, Bryncethin, admitted being concerned in the

possession of cocaine. She was jailed for 16 months, the sentence suspended for two years, and made subject to a supervision order for a year.

Her co-defendant, Christopher Wintle (31) of Heol-yr-Ysgol, Bridgend, was jailed for two years, two months.

## Bridgend man's sentence increased after mobile phone is found in cell

AN INMATE at Cardiff Prison, who was serving four years for robbery, has received a further two months at Cardiff Court for having a mobile phone and charger in his cell.

Liam Hodge (22) of Dunraven Place, Bridgend, had been convicted by Cardiff Magistrates of possessing a prohibited item in prison and committed to the crown court for sentence.

Said Recorder Philip Jenkins: "I bear in mind you are currently serving a lengthy custodial sentence. However, you broke the rules and the law. You knew you should not have had the mobile phone."

He added that anything other than a consecutive sentence would send out the wrong message.

Prosecutor Lorrin Wynn Morgan said that on January 13, officers

searched Hodge's cell and found a mobile phone and charger in a pillowcase.

Hodge told them: "I've had it for ages."

On the mobile phone were text messages Hodge had sent to an ex-partner.

When interviewed by the police, Hodge said: "No comment" in reply to all the questions.

His solicitor, Adam Sharp, said: "He made immediate admissions and used the phone to contact his ex-partner. He accepts he could have made contact legitimately on a payphone. He is not due for release until October 2016."

"He has had a difficult start in life and once had a problem with alcohol and drugs."

## Sights and smells of Port Talbot!

THE SPEAKER at the June meeting of Newton WI was John Sheen; his talk was entitled 'Five Boys and a Pasty', which was an hilarious account of the smells, sights and sensations of his childhood in Port Talbot.

He brought back memories to many with his account of 'Friday Bath and syrup of figs night', liberty bodes and when boys turned men - when they progressed from short trousers to long.

He was very entertaining and caused much laughter.

Many thanks to the ladies of Kenfig WI for hosting the Link meeting - a very enjoyable evening with great entertainment.

Jennifer Davies and Janet Davies were the two lucky members who

attended the WI centenary royal garden party at Buckingham Palace. They gave a very interesting account of the days proceedings which sounded wonderful.

On June 10, members had a trip to Tenby in Pembrokeshire, leaving Porthcawl at 9.30am arriving in Tenby in time for coffee. We were fortunate with the weather as it was a beautiful day.

A few of our more adventurous ladies sailed to Caldy Island, choppy waters going but calmer on the homeward journey. Lots of retail therapy and ice cream to keep us cool.

There is much more planned for the coming months, so if you would like to join us - ring Pearl on 01656 772657.

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# PORTHCAWL STUDENT TO TEACH IN BALI

A PORTHCAWL student is looking forward to boosting teaching skills, after being awarded a university scholarship to volunteer abroad.



LAUREN BELL.

ability to teach, and will encourage me to explore different ways of teaching children creatively; not only benefiting the children I will be teaching in Bali, but for also the children I will be teaching when I return," she explained.

"With the education system constantly changing and developing, it is very important for teachers to explore a wide variety of teaching strategies.

"I believe seeing how differently the schools run in other countries will be very beneficial to me."

**ART SOCIETY PORTHCAWL** Art Society is holding an exhibition of paintings that are donated to Porthcawl RNLI.

The paintings will be on display at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, from June 23 until August 10.

All the paintings are for sale with the proceeds going to the lifeboat fund.

## Litchard photographer receives jail sentence

A PROFESSIONAL photographer who sexually abused a model who was posing for him, has been jailed for two years.

Colin Littleley (61) of Litchard Bungalows, Litchard, was also banned from taking pictures of partially-clad or naked women.

At Cardiff Crown Court last month, Littleley was found guilty of the charge by 11 to one, of three charges of sexual assault.

Littleley had denied at any time touching the woman's breasts and rubbing her with ice, as had been alleged.

In a victim impact statement read at Merthyr Crown Court where

Littleley was sentenced, the victim said she felt alone, felt vulnerable and struggled to trust men.

Tim Evans, who defended Littleley, pointed out that he was a man of clean character and he intended on release to continue photographing clothed people.

Judge Richard Twomlow said Littleley had not shown any remorse and blamed the victim.

The impact on her had been substantial.

In addition, Littleley was banned from owning a camera unless it was made available for inspection by the police.

## Bridgend MP pledges support for the carers

**BRIDGENGP MP** Madeline Moon pledged her support to carers last week, as part of National Carers Week.

There are 6.5 million people in the UK who care for a partner, relative or friend - 10,021 carers are in Bridgend constituency.

The six charities involved, Carers UK, Age UK, Carers Trust, Independent Age, Macmillan Cancer Support and MS Society - are calling on individuals, organisations and services throughout the country to take action to improve the lives of carers by building 'carer-friendly' communities that consider and support their needs.

The MP said: "Carers make a hugely valuable contribution to society and they need support to carry on the work they do. That is why I am supporting this initiative to encourage

services in my community to think about the needs of carers and reach out to carers across Bridgend constituency and help ensure they don't miss

out on support. "Having been a carer, I understand the physical, emotional and practical pressures carers face on a daily basis," she added.

## PACT meetings

**NEWTON PACT** at Newton School Rooms, Newton on Tuesday, June 16, at 6.30pm.

**PORTHCAWL EAST CENTRAL PACT** at Porthcawl Fire Station, Porthcawl, on Tuesday, June 23 at 7pm.

**MORFA WILD MILL PACT** at The Community Life Centre, The Precinct, Wildmill on Thursday, July 9 at 6.30pm.

**BRACKLA PACT** at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way on Thursday, June 25 at 6.30pm.

**CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHYFRYD PACT** at Westward Community Centre, on Monday, June 29 at 6.30pm.

**NEWCASTLE PACT** at Westward Community Centre on Monday, June 29 at 6.30pm.

**REST BAY and NOTTAGE PACT** at Nottage Scout Hall, Nottage, on Tuesday, June 30 at 8pm.

**RYNTIRION, LALESTON and LITCHARD, PENDRE and COITY PACT** at Litchard Mission on Thursday, August 27 at 7pm.

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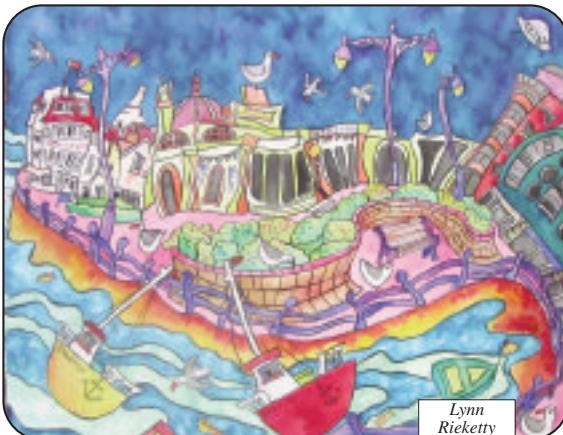
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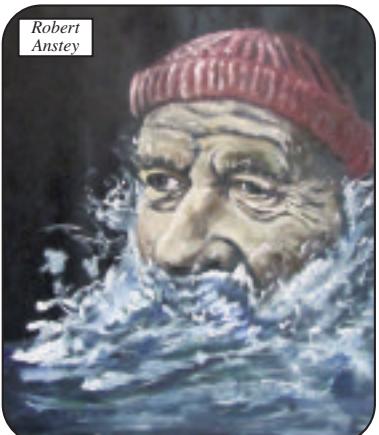
# Which one-day masterpiece gets your vote?



Maggie Thomas



Lynn Rieketty



Robert Anstey



Jan Williams

IMAGES by MAGGIE THOMAS



Tricia Simon

ARTISTS aged from 11 up to their 80s, gathered in Porthcawl recently to take part in the Art Challenge Wales one-day arts competition.

Participants set up across the town to paint, draw, sculpt or sketch a one-day masterpiece, and now it's time to select your favourite.

(A full report on this event appears on page 22). While the judges deliberated over the main awardwinners this

week, a public vote was held to determine the People's Choice Award.

The non-profit event was supported by Bridgend County Borough Council, with funding from the Welsh Government's Town Centre Partnership.

The ambition is for the event to become an annual date on the Welsh arts calendar, a spokesperson explained.

Pictured (above and left) are some of the artwork that was up for the public vote.

## MP hits out at pavement parking

**MP Madeleine Moon and UK charity Guide Dogs discussed the dangerous, expensive and pervasive practice of pavement parking during a visit to Parliament recently.**

Ms Moon shares the charity's concern that the powers presently available to local governments are insufficient to tackle the problem of pavement

parking.

Following the meeting, the Bridgend MP commented: "Constituents frequently approach me about the problems caused by pavement parking. It represents a danger to parents with pushchairs and constituents with disabilities.

"For people with sight loss, pavement parking poses a unique set of challenges. When confronted with a vehicle in their path they are often forced into oncoming traffic which they can't see. This is a daily struggle for people with sight loss that they should not have to endure."

"Regardless of disability, people should feel safe on our streets. The more dangerous our streets become, the more isolated vulnerable people will feel.

Pedestrian safety is essential for a happy and cohesive community.

"Pavements are not designed to take the weight of heavy

vehicles. As I found out to my cost the other evening, cracked pavements are a further safety risk. I tripped and fell on a paving slab that had been damaged by lorries throughout the day, injuring my arms and legs.

"The government has been reluctant to tackle the problem, citing the cost of introducing an effective pavement parking law. But the cost of mending damaged pavements and compensating injured pedestrians has yet to be calculated. As it stands, local governments have a complicated patchwork of regulatory powers that are insufficient to meet the scale of the challenge.

"If the government continues to take this short-term and irresponsible approach to pavement parking, the cost to the public purse will continue to grow and the danger that pedestrians face on our streets will deepen," she said.



Madeleine Moon MP signed up to the campaign recently in the Commons.

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## Who wants to build what and where?

Asda Stores Ltd - Ffald Road Petrol Filling Station, Pyle - Proposed new signage to petrol station.

Mrs Avril Williams - 12 School Terrace, North Cornelly - Single storey rear extension.

Hafod - Housing Association - Glanogwr House, Glanogwr Road, Bridgend - Installation of photovoltaic panels to roof for power to communal area/facilities.

Mr Chris Myers - 3 Mission Road, Garth, Maesteg - Two storey addition to rear and detached garage to rear.

Janett Welland - Bradford Cottage, Llangeinor - Demolish derelict outbuilding and construct double garage with accommodation above.

Mr Roy Knight - 33 Long Acre Drive, Nottage, Porthcawl - Amendments to P/14/586/FUL including

first floor extension to bedroom, new side facing window and changes to external finishes.

Mr B Newton - 15 Christopher Road, Maesteg - Double garage to rear garden.

Mr Colin Thomas - 17 Christopher Road, Maesteg - Double

garage to rear garden.

Neath Port Talbot CBC - Land adjacent Llynfi Afan Windfarm, Abergwynfi, Port Talbot - Alternative access track (245m in length with associated engineering operations for NPT app P2010/1148 (windfarm).

Mr Anthony Andrews - 61 Trem y Mor, Brackla - Bedroom and shower room extension to rear garden.

Elaine Garfield - 5 Trem y Mor, Brackla - Two storey side extension to existing property.

Mrs Patricia Lynn - 11 Sandpiper Road, Porthcawl - Proposed ground floor refurbishment and loft conversion.

Simon Willows - 70 The Spinney, Brackla - Two storey side extension and garage.

Neath Port Talbot CBC - Llynfi Afan Renewable Energy Park near Abergwynfi, Port Talbot - Erection of two self supporting lattice meteorological masts up to 80m in height for a period of 10 months.

Mr Stuart D Thomas - 83A Meadow Lane, Porthcawl - Non

material amendment to remove side window to rear bedroom.

Mr B Newton - 15 Christopher Road, Maesteg - Double garage to rear garden.

Mr Colin Thomas - 17 Christopher Road, Maesteg - Double

## Care Home open day at Foxtroy House

**WE would like to invite the local community into our home tomorrow (Friday, June 19).**

**Foxtroy House is a residential care home for the elderly in Tondu. We have up to 31 residents living here.**

**We are taking part in Care Home open day. Our theme is the arts: enjoying Welsh culture by listening and sharing stories, offering therapies for relaxation and valuing our staff, by developing their knowledge in Welsh language and therapies, and offering staff a gift of appreciation.**

**We plan to have Welsh language activities and teaching session at 10am for residents and staff.**

**This is a project funded by My Home Life Cymru, Age Cymru and the Burdett Trust for Nursing and has been nominated for an award with the Welsh Language Policy Unit.**

**We will be offering Welsh cakes with a tea/coffee to guests in the morning.**

**In the afternoon, at 2pm, we will be offering light touch massage for residents and staff as part of our 'Lightest Touch' project. This project is also funded by My Home Life Cymru, Age Cymru and the Burdett Trust for Nursing. We will also be offering cream teas.**

**Diana Purnell, manager, Foxtroy House.**

## Cubs and Beavers earn their crime prevention badges

**CUBS and Beavers from 1st Glamorgan Baden Powell Traditional Scout Group in Laleston have been working with their local neighbourhood policing team towards earning their crime prevention badge.**

**On Thursday June 4, PCSOs Liz Tancock, Craig Spanswick and PC Leigh Francis took the group on a tour of the police station and custody suite at Queens Road Police Station, Bridgend Industrial Estate.**

**As well as a tour of the police cells, the Cubs and Beavers were also able to take their own fingerprints, which were placed into key rings for them to take away as souvenirs of their visit.**

**Officers from the Firearms section were kind enough to speak with them and showed them the equipment they work with, much to the delight of the children (and the parents who had come to pick them up).**

**PCSO Liz Tancock said: "It was a great experience for the Cubs and Beavers to visit a working police station**

**"They got to see around the custody suite and the cells, learnt about fingerprints and how they can be useful in catching criminals as well as how to secure their own property and prevent crime."**

# Call for the Salt Lake plans to be 'transparent'

SHADOW Welsh Tourism Minister Suzy Davies has called on BCBC to "be transparent" over discussions to develop the Salt Lake site in Porthcawl.

The Welsh Conservative regional AM, has asked for details of a scheme to develop this regeneration site to be made public - "so residents can judge for themselves."

She said that news about proposals put forward by developers for this land, raised many key points about the stalled regeneration plan.

"I think constituents will want to see some evidence of vision for the town. The supermarket option is long gone and the council has had plenty of time to think ambitiously. While there is a perfectly good argument for extra housing in the county

borough, the council also has to consider the best use of the available land."

"As Shadow Tourism Minister, I have to ask how this site can improve Porthcawl's tourism offer as well as enhancing the environment and opportunities for residents themselves."

"This is the gateway to our main holiday resort and adjacent to the very site where leisure and tourism facilities are being planned by the H a r b o u r s i d e Development group and the council itself.

"Leaving this land empty for almost two decades has done nothing to enhance Porthcawl's appeal to tourists or residents' pride in the town. I believe that a top-quality mixed development of the site, which can, of course, include housing, is a better answer," she insisted.

"I would like constituents to encourage the council to consider how this site

## Garden party – by ROYAL APPOINTMENT!

AS part of centenary celebrations, members of Pencoed WI attended a garden party for 8,000 members at Buckingham Palace recently.

The guests of honour were the Duchess of Cornwall (a WI

member) the Duchess of Wessex. Two members were selected to attend; president Val and Wendy. When they left Sarn, it was raining but the weather cleared up. They said Pall Mall was a sea of hats moving towards the Palace and tourist stopped them to ask what was happening. Both ladies thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## The Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild: latest news

IF any organisation needs ideas for an outing, I can thoroughly recommend a visit to Llanelli House; we went last month and were delighted with the presentation and innovative ideas they have to interest visitors.

Old portraits come to life and talk to you; a gentleman from the 1850s describes his life in the house plus many other surprises mean it is well worth a visit!

Our games and craft groups have met and the luncheon club ate well at the Jolly Sailor in Newton - a very well refurbished pub. Three of our members went to the national AGM in Glasgow attended by Princess Anne, and

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DOROTHY THOMAS

## NEVER MIND THE WEATHER, THE CAR WASH GOES AHEAD!



Photograph by Keith E Morgan

MARK REYNOLDS, the watch manager, and his fire fighting crew from Bridgend, took over Porthcawl Fire Station last Saturday to do a voluntary car wash to collect funds for the Fire Service charity.

Even though it rained, there was nevertheless a steady flow of vehicles passing through the system for a good soapy lather and water wash down.

From June 24-27, volunteer walkers from the Bridgend Fire Station are going to tackle a Three Peaks Climb - to raise more money for the charity. The volunteers have their sights set on climbing Snowdon, Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike.

Later that evening, the Bridgend Fire Service had to resort to their normal more serious practice and turn out to attend a potentially dangerous fire at the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Even though there was some damage, thankfully no one was injured.

## COMEDY MONTH IN MAESTEG

NEXT month, the local town hall will be hosting the first ever comedy month in Maesteg.

A festival of comedy will take place throughout July, with four top comedy shows and a masterclass with resident compere Paul James.

The event is being sponsored by 'Coors Lager.' Richard Davis of Coors said: "We are delighted to be sponsoring Maesteg Comedy Month, it is a new, exciting venture for Maesteg Town Hall and we wish them every success. Personally I love comedy and am very excited by the top calibre of acts they have managed to attract!"

The month has been coordinated by

staff at Maesteg Town Hall in conjunction with Paul James, regular compere of the Clown's Pocket Comedy Club nights at the Town Hall and organiser of Neath Comedy Festival.

"It's great to be able to present such an exciting array of stand-up comedy for such an appreciative audience as we find in Maesteg. It's brilliant for me to be able to work with the staff at the Town Hall to be able to bring together a top-class line-up," he said.

Tickets available at [www.maestegtownhall.com](http://www.maestegtownhall.com) or 01656 733700 and the box office at the indoor market in Maesteg.

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# Major changes lie ahead for Parliament after SNP influx

IT was a week that reflected the history and tradition of the UK and changes that have the potential to rock our foundations.

Monday saw the second reading of the Scotland Bill enter the floor of the Commons. The bill fulfils a commitment made during the Independence referendum that a Scottish parliament and government would be recognised as a permanent part of the British constitution.

This seemingly simple statement hides a morass of problems, because Britain does not have a written constitution and no Parliament can bind a future one to behave or act in any way. This issue will run and run.

The bill goes on to give a variety of new powers to the Scottish parliament including increased tax-raising powers, some welfare benefits, road signs, speed limits and managing of licenses for

onshore oil and gas resources. The bill has now gone into committee and will continue to be fought out on the floor of the House of Commons.

The influx of new Scottish MPs has created some tensions in the Chamber and not just because of clapping and seating. One was told it was not acceptable to read a newspaper in the Chamber, another entered the wrong voting lobby (and then locked himself in the toilet refusing to come out). Finally, there was the member who shouted at a minister to "Behave yourself, woman".

I have lots of new best friends, most of whom want me to support them in becoming Chairs of Select Committees! That decision was being resolved on Wednesday this week.

We then move on to vote for the members of select committees. I may well make more new friends in the coming week.

Tuesday brought the EU Referendum Bill to the Commons. The battles are

mainly over the usual who, what, when and how questions. Who gets to vote, how it is paid for, when it takes place and what arrangement will be put in place for purdah.

The term 'purdah' describes the period immediately before elections or referendums when restrictions on the activity of government and civil servants are in place. There are suggestions that purdah will not apply to this referendum. *Watch this space for lots of fireworks.*

Thursday brought a different and more traditional form of drama to Cardiff. I attended the presentation of new colours to the Royal Welsh Regiment at the Millennium Stadium by Her Majesty The Queen, the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

The regimental band played, the soldiers marched into the stadium along with Shemkin the goat. The regiment marching with a goat at their head as a mascot dates back to at least 1777 to the then Royal Regiment of Welsh Fusiliers.

Such an ancient regiment has many outward marks which distinguish it.

The three black ribbons on the colour of the jackets known as The Flash (an old slang word for a wig) date back to the time when soldiers wore pigtails that were powdered and greased. To protect the jacket, the pigtail was enclosed in a 'queue bag'. In 1808, the hair was ordered to be cut close to the neck but the regiment kept the ribbons which made up the queue.

The regiment has also marched since 1887 behind eight pioneers wearing white buckskin aprons and gauntlets who in the past prepared the route for the battalion before the days of good roads.

The ceremonial handing over of the colours and inspection of the regiment was very moving. The stadium was crowded with guests, including large numbers of schoolchildren who cheered and waved Welsh flags. When the colours were blessed and the three

## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON's report from Westminster for The GEM.



priests said Amen, there was an echoed 'Aaamen' from the children which echoed around the stadium.

I was fortunate to be invited with a number of other guests to have lunch with Her Majesty. I sat with a former colonel of the regiment, who made a most fascinating companion and whose life has been one of devotion to his country in a most moving way.

Going from such events to do the food shopping is a little odd, especially when stopped by people asking what you have been doing today.

*I was back with the regiment for the Queen's birthday royal gun salute on Saturday at the Pier Head in Cardiff. Another day of tradition, wonderful music, and historic significance.*

*...So while in Westminster we discuss devolution and our relationship with Europe as a nation, we are also commemorating the First World War, the 200th anniversary of Waterloo, and the 70th anniversary of VE and VJ Days.*

## 'We need to educate ourselves on diabetes'

THE number of people with diabetes in Bridgend has reached an all-time high of 9,529 according to new figures released today by Diabetes UK Cymru.

The new figures, extracted from official NHS data and published at the start of Diabetes Week, show that the sharp rise in diabetes cases in recent years is continuing with 177,212 people diagnosed with the condition across Wales.

If this trend carries on, then in 10 years it is estimated that 288,000 people in Wales will have diabetes.

Many cases of Type 2 diabetes can be prevented – but there is no way of preventing Type 1.

With so many people now living with the condition, NHS Wales needs to prioritise giving people the education they need to manage their diabetes well.

At the moment, diabetes education is barely provided, resulting in devastating health complications, including amputation, blindness and stroke.

Beyond the human suffering, diabetes costs NHS Wales nearly £500 million a year, 80 per cent of which is spent on managing avoidable complications.

Diabetes UK Cymru is calling on NHS Wales

and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to ensure people living with diabetes in the area are provided with education and support to manage their condition on a day to day basis effectively.

Diabetes UK Cymru's director, Dai Williams, said: "Over the last decade we have seen the number of people with diabetes rising at an alarming rate and these latest figures are a stark call to action – we must act now or face the very real danger of diabetes devastating the lives of even more people, and threatening to wreck the already over-burdened NHS."

"We know that most people newly diagnosed with diabetes are not offered a group education course. This is despite strong evidence that giving people the knowledge and skills to manage their diabetes effectively can reduce their long-term risk of complications.

"While Welsh Government made a commitment to improve access to timely structured education for people with diabetes 18 months ago, little progress has been made. Now, we need to see health boards across Wales making this a priority for their patients living with diabetes.

"Without this we will continue to deny people living with diabetes in Wales the best possible chance of living long and healthy lives."

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## CARERS' INFO DAY AT HOSPITAL



ABOVE: The Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend county borough, with voluntary groups taking part in the carers' market, and hospital managers.

## GEM READERS' LETTERS

### 'Support Airport!'

**I**CAN concur with Steph Bonner 'You just can't beat flying from Cardiff Airport' (GEM letters last week). Having driven or had taxis to Bristol since BMI Baby quit Cardiff it will be a pleasure to be able to fly from Cardiff again.

So come on, you people who complained so much about not being able to get flights from Cardiff, book your Flybe seat now for the autumn break, especially golfers. The courses on the Algarve and Spain await you this winter!

C Wilkins, Welsh St Donats.

### Bridge too far?

**R**ESIDENTS of the western Vale who continue to be inconvenienced by the Ewenny railway bridge closure will be annoyed, as I was, to discover what Network Rail can do when it tries.

A timelapse video of the work can be found on youtube.com. Search for 'Harcombe Hill'. Colin Dimond, Wick.

### Doom and gloom!

**T**HE credit rating agencies forecasting doom if Britain leaves the EU, are the same ones that never saw the financial crisis coming.

The whole story is reminiscent of the horrors forecast when the UK left the exchange rate mechanism.

This turned out to have been the best thing the UK could have done.

R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.

## REFUGEE WEEK

**L**AST week's fine industrial exhibition in Maesteg Town Hall was a reminder of how immigrants from Italy and Poland joined with local people to mine the valley, and develop an iron industry that brought prosperity to Wales and the world.

Today, the issue of immigration to the UK is a vexed one, and during this Refugee Week (June 15 – 21), we are made aware of the desperation, fear and courage of people, forced to leave all that is familiar, to seek work like the immigrants to Maesteg did over 150 years ago.

### 'Young are second class citizens'

**I**T is very sad to see the Tories 'turn coat' on such a vital issue as allowing voting rights to 16 to 17-year-olds in the European Referendum.

This momentous decision will profoundly affect the long term future of young people, most of whom have been to Spain more times than they have visited London, and are indigenous Europeans to the core.

Having won the election the Conservatives appear to be conveniently changing their minds. There are no excuses; this age group will be

simply, if allowed, to 16 and 17-year-olds."

Clearly a little bit of success at the ballot box changes annoying little matters like principles for the Tories.

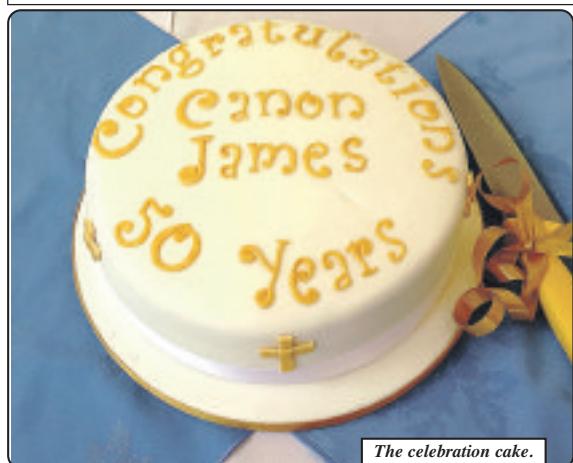
The 16 and 17-year-olds were allowed to vote on the legislative future of Scotland. The youth of Wales and England are clearly regarded as second class citizens to those of their Scottish neighbours when it comes to voting rights under the Conservatives.

Coun Philip Rapier, (Labour) Penarth.

## CORRECTION

*In a report last week concerning the murder of Conner Marshall, aged 18, of Barry, Mr Marshall's correct name was unfortunately misprinted. The GEM sincerely apologises for this error and for any distress caused.*

# Porthcawl home celebrates Canon's 50th anniversary in the priesthood



The celebration cake.

ORGANISED by Gaynor Williams of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales Court, Porthcawl, a grand surprise party was held for their Chaplain, the Rev Canon Godfrey James.

The Canon is celebrating 50 years' dedicated service in the priesthood and the home felt it only fitting that the event be commemorated in style.

Residents and guests were welcomed with a glass of wine and treated to a piece of the Canon's celebration cake. With singers from Swansea Operatic Society and the choir from St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, residents and guests were entertained to an afternoon of song and nostalgia.



Canon Godfrey with organiser Gaynor Williams.

The Canon met many old friends from St Theodore's Church, his last parish before retiring. These included the current priest-in-charge, the Rev Jonathan Durley, as well as the Rural Dean, the Rev Canon Philip Masson.

In his thank-you

speech, Canon Godfrey James said that the party had come as a great surprise to him, but he was most grateful to Gaynor and her team at the home for putting on the event and for giving him the opportunity, and so much pleasure, to meet so many old friends.



Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan.

With the many guests from St Theodore's Church.



The canon with trio of singers from Swansea.

## Local primary school pupils are quizzed on their literary know-how

TWO pupils from each of six local primary schools went head to head in the annual 'Champions Book Quiz,' after they had successfully shown their literary knowledge in World Book Day quizzes held at county borough libraries during March.

As part of the tense final, which was held at Y Llynfi in Maesteg, participants were required to answer 20 questions on a book of their choice.

Harly Vidian and Mia McErlean from Plasnewydd Primary clearly showed they were on the same page about their chosen book *Trash* by Andy Mulligan, to scoop the winner's title.

Just one point behind in second place were Danny Markhoff and Jaynee Winslade-Gregory from St Clare's School, who tackled Lyn Gardner's *Olivia's First Term*.



Runners-up, Jaynee Winslade-Gregory and Danny Markhoff, from St Clare's School.



Winners, Harly Vidian and Mia McErlean, from Plasnewydd Primary.

## Learn, laugh and live with Porthcawl U3A!

THE U3A has been increasing its membership nationally for several years and has now reached 970 universities of the Third Age involving 350,000 – this, despite the fact some don't join because the word university puts them off.

The purpose of this article is to assure readers that if they join Porthcawl U3A they can "Live, laugh and learn."

While there is still an opportunity for newcomers to learn by joining specific learning groups, there is also a great emphasis placed on "laughing and living".

Porthcawl has an excellent and enjoyable singing for fun group, walking group, table tennis group, movement to music and play reading groups – and special enjoyment is always to be had by joining a bridge, s



Doug Jones, president of Porthcawl U3A, and Handel Davies (chairman).

crabble or Mah Jong experience.

Monthly days out are organised throughout the year. Recently, we travelled to Oxford and to the Cardiff Flower show. Illustrated monthly talks, take place at the Hi Tide with high quality speakers, many of whom are our own members. In April Ceri Joseph of the Museum Society delivered a very special annual Memorial lecture entitled 'The Waterloo Story'.

Gwyn Petty 01656 783663, or visit our web site [porthcawl3a.webplus.net](http://porthcawl3a.webplus.net). CLIVE MORT

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BRIDGEND county borough Citizens' Advice Bureau is holding one-to-one sessions at KPC in Pyle to give advice on dealing with debt, managing a budget, and benefits entitlements.

To book a slot at the sessions, which will run on a Thursday between 10am – 12 midday, call Alison on 01656 749219.

The next sessions are being held today (June 18), July 2 and July 16, and from then on will run on the first and third Thursday of each month.

## WI members take trip down memory lane!

BECAUSE Cogchurch WI president Sandra Davidson was in London for the NFWI centenary meeting, Sue Elworthy, vice-president, took the June meeting.

The business of the evening included a report on the GFWI council meeting and details of the day trip to Gloucester and the Ascot Day charity day at the Star Inn, Treos, friends of WI, in aid of The Tree of Hope charity. Both of these events are open to friends and families, but booking is essential.

For the celebratory afternoon tea event at Coed-y-Mwstwr on July 1, members are encouraged to dress up in clothes depicting the different eras of the past 100 years.

For the Murder Mystery evening at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl, on September 11, members were reminded they need to book at the July meeting.

The skittles fun evening will be held on October 14.

The guest speaker, Joyce James, took members on a delightful trip down memory lane to encourage members to write down their recollections for her topic – 'Writing your Memoirs'.

She stressed the importance of recording/recalling special or important events, asking family members to help give details to form a family chronicle by talking, looking at photographs, etc.

For further information on events, contact Sandra Davidson on 01656 69232.

The next meeting will be held on July 7 in the Williams Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Guest speaker, Alan Underhill, will talk on 'Allsorts'; guests and new members are welcome.

# Old comrades' pilgrimage from Sarn to the Somme

IT was a typical Welsh summer morning, wet, wet and more wet, as 10 members of the Bridgend Branch Comrades Association, Royal Welsh (24/41 Foot, RRW) set off from Sarn services heading to the World War One battlefields of the Somme. Our main aim was to lay a wreath at the 38 Welsh Division Memorial at Mametz Wood.

There's not a lot of excitement in a long drive along the M4, M25 and on to the ferry port at Dover. At first glance, the sea did not look too friendly. There was a lot of white water breaking on the surface.

Our onward journey south through France passed quietly and we arrived at Longueval, where our self-catering accommodation was situated.

Our first visit was to the memorial at Thiepval. This imposing memorial, the largest, was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens. Constructed from red bricks and white limestone was built between 1928-32 has the names of 72,000 UK and South African dead with no known grave.

At Beaumont-Hamel is the Newfoundland Memorial. On July 1, 1916, men from the Newfoundland Regiment were decimated by machine gun fire. A network of trenches has been preserved at this site.

A short drive away at La Boisselle is the Lochnagar crater, which is the site of a huge explosion that took place on July 1, 1916. The crater measures some 300ft wide by 75ft deep.

The Somme museum at Albert is well worth a visit. Housed in underground tunnels with sound, light and images, one can get an insight into the daily life in the trenches.

At Mametz Wood near the village of Mametz, wreaths were laid at the 38 Welsh Division memorial to commemorate men of the Welsh Regiment, South Wales Borderers and Royal Welsh Fusiliers who took part in this battle.

In the photograph (left to right) are Mel Thomas (SWB), Tom White (SWB), Geoff Durke (SWB Standard bearer) and Bill John (WR).

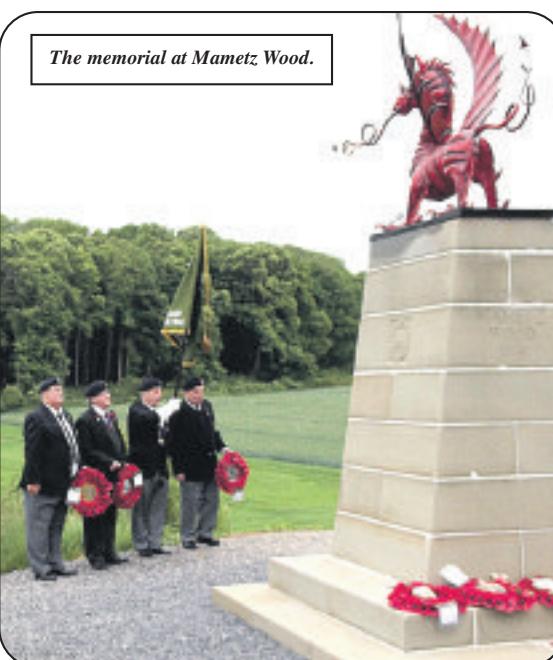
In the background, Mametz wood can clearly be seen with the open ground in front that soldiers had to cross in front of the well dug-in German machine guns. In total, the Division suffered 4,000 casualties. Infuriatingly, many of the British shells that had been fired in the initial bombardment failed due to faulty shells. A short walk into the woods showed just how dense the undergrowth.

At Longueval is the museum commemorating the South Africans battle at Delville Wood, a well presented tribute to the Commonwealth troops who also made the ultimate sacrifice.

Next year is the centenary of the start of the Somme offensive. Accommodation in the area has been pre-booked for the last seven years, that gives an idea of the interest shown in the event.

I'm glad we got in early and were able to explore in some degree of calm and absorb the enormous sacrifice made by men of the 38 Welsh Division. We will remember them.

DAVE DAVIES  
BEM TD,  
SSAFA Bridgend  
and Mid Glamorgan



## Laurie takes on Offa's Dyke challenge for Y Bont charity

IS there a more enthusiastic and determined fundraiser in Bridgend than 83-year-old Laurie Brophy?

A pretty exceptional challenger will need to come forward, because on June 23, Laurie will be trekking 177 miles along the Offa's Dyke Trail from Prestatyn to Chepstow to raise money for Y Bont, the disabled children's charity based in Bridgend.

He will be setting off at around 1pm on Tuesday (June 23)



following the trail sleeping rough under the following the trail sleeping rough under the stars (unless the weather England, taking in the is too bad). Setting off at Clwyddian Hills, Sam every morning, Shropshire Hills and Laurie is aiming to cover 25 miles a day and skirting around the Black Mountains.

Don't let the journey in six days. photograph (above) fool you into thinking that Laurie is doing this on his bike. He will be walking/running every day and hoping to complete the step of the way.

A spokeswoman for Y Bont said: "What an achievement!" Laurie will be walking/running every day and hoping to complete the step of the way.

He is tackling the challenge alone, rie-Bryony1.

Or travelling light to keep the weight down and 01656 646013.

## What's on the Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S last film for this season is *The Imitation Game* (Cert 12A) on Thursday, June 18, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

This is the dramatised story of the wartime work of the British mathematician and computing pioneer, Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch).

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door). Big Screen will begin again in October.

## News from the Southerndown WI

THE June meeting of Southerndown WI was attended by WI adviser, Marilyn Tucker, to enable us to complete the selection of a new committee and president.

We were delighted to choose Michele Smith as our president, and she will be ably assisted by a committee comprising experienced members, along with relatively new members.

We would all like to express our thanks to Marilyn for her support in recent years.

The usual business of the meeting was then completed by Michele and a short report was presented, following attendance by a member

## Free training at The Zone

BASED in Bridgend town centre, The Zone is a family centre set up to support the community and is open daily to provide advice and guidance on a range of topics, in an informal coffee lounge area.

It also offers training as follows: money management, June 23 from 10am - 1pm; nutrition and healthy eating July 6, 13 and 20, 10am - 1pm; anger management, August 3, 10am - 4pm.

Weekly groups - Zone Fan Friends and Neighbours group (Mondays 1.30pm - 2.30pm) knit and natter (Tuesday 10am - 2pm); parent and toddler art group (Wednesday 1pm - 3pm) cuppa and a chat group (Friday 10am - 12pm).

For further information, or to book any of these courses, please call in or telephone Laura 01656 649378.

## Local student Serena named VQ Learner of the Year runner up



Serena Torrance receives her VQ Learner of the Year finalist certificate from Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology Julie James and compere Owain Wyn Evans.

FOR MERE almost two years of Julie James education and now I'd congratulated the like to repay the college inspirational finalists and by one day lecturing also praised all the there in forensics." learners and

The VQ Learner of the Year is former Coleg Sir Gar learner Simon McCall, 21, from Capel Dewi, Carmarthen, a long tradition of self-employed carpenter developing skills through and member of the vocational routes," she said. "We remain the other runners up committed to helping were: Casey Coleman, young people and employers develop at Ocean Hairdressing, skills necessary to contribute to the growing provider is Gower Welsh economy.

"VQ Day reminds us just how many Welsh employers and learners are already going that extra mile when it comes to developing their skills. Each of those nominated for this year's awards have demonstrated what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

Organised by the Welsh Government's Department for Education and Skills (DFES), the National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW) and CollegesWales, the VQ Awards help to showcase individuals and organisations that have raised the standard of the services they offer as a result of vocational qualifications.

The awards, which are part funded by the European Social Fund, are now in their eighth year and coincide with VQ Day - a UK-wide celebration of vocational qualifications for students, teachers, training providers and employers - was held on June 10.

Serena completed her BTCE Applied Science and National Diploma

and Advanced Diploma Welsh Baccalaureate with outstanding grades in 2011 and won a coveted place at Cardiff University where she is expected to gain a first class honours degree in Criminology. This summer before starting a Masters in September.

Maesteg-based Serena said: "Without Bridgend College I don't know where I'd be. Severe depression cost me

## US company invests in Pencoed

AM for Oggmore Janice Gregory has welcomed news that an American life sciences company, based in Pencoed, has announced a further £4.6m investment in Wales.

Prestigious companies in the world are investing in Wales. I am delighted that one of those companies, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, is demonstrating its commitment to Pencoed through this key investment and expansion.

"This will inevitably lead to further job creation which will benefit both the local and wider economy. The Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics base in Pencoed is going from strength to strength.

"I look forward to continuing to give my support to the company, as the local Assembly Member, and to witness further development in the future," she added.

# The Maesteg Festival continues its varied programme of entertainment

THE Maesteg Festival continued last week with more events in the town.

On Saturday, June 13, a craft and food fayre was staged, with traders arriving from far afield – although poor weather did have an impact.

Also present at the fayre were the Maesteg Lions Club, who were fundraising for local good causes.

The evening's entertainment was unaffected by the weather, as the town hall hosted a performance by the Springs Dance Company. The dancers had just returned from a tour of New Zealand, one of many countries it has visited in recent years.

## MAN PRAISES COMPANY'S TRAINING PROGRAMME



Mike Wilson with customer service inspector, Nigel Evans, at the company's Pontypool site.

A BRIDGEND man who had never turned on a computer until he was in his 40s, has helped Dŵr Cymru receive a major learning award.

The company, which takes tutors to offices and on site as part of its learning in the workplace programme, took the Large Employer of the Year award at the Inspire! Awards as part of Adult Learners' Week 2015.

Nigel Evans, from Bryncethin, makes up part of the team that has seen a rise in productivity since the company encouraged staff to earn qualifications from their desks or depots.

Nigel joined Dŵr Cymru 26 years ago as a mains operator after leaving school with few qualifications, later becoming a customer service inspector.

When three years ago, his role changed to include new responsibilities, Nigel took the opportunity to retrain and found it helped him in and outside of work.

"My spelling and writing was poor. I'd never turned on a computer before, and



## Crucial Crew's safety message for local pupils

YEAR-6 primary school children from all across the Bridgend authority have been learning vital life-saving safety and personal health messages from a variety of organisations.

Agencies such as Arriva Trains Wales, Western Power, Network Rail, Food Standards Agency Wales, Welsh Women's Aid, and stay safe from Samaritans, Bridgend Road Safety Department, in their lives. WCADA and the RNLI. The event was offered

The event was free of charge to all year-sponsered by Arriva 6 pupils in the Bridgend Trains Wales and area, with one pupil from Network Rail and part-organised by the Children's Directorate at Bridgend County Council describing it as 'a very cool experience to learn what the dangers in life are.'



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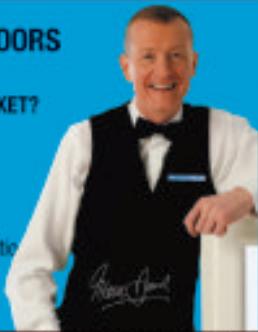
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# Speech therapist Karen picks up honour for life-saving card



**Karen Bowen (shown second right) receives her special operations award from Chief Superintendent Josh Jones. Also pictured are Judith Major, of the force's Public Service Centre and Wayne Crocker of Mencap.**

**AN ABMU speech and language therapist has been honoured for her hard work developing a potentially life-saving card for vulnerable people, and building training resources to increase awareness of the communication needs of people with learning disabilities.**

Karen Bowen was presented with a special operations award by South Wales Police to commend her for her

contribution to the Keep Safe Cymru campaign. Launched in December, the scheme aims at helping people with a learning disability and communication needs.

Registered users are encouraged to carry a card listing their name, emergency contact details as well as health and other important personal information so they can get the appropriate help if they are taken ill or feel unsafe.

A direct phone line on their card will put the registered individuals in touch with a trained operator at the South Wales Police call centre.

The operators will have access to information about the individual's needs to help them deal with the call appropriately and seek the right kind of support to quickly minimise distress.

Principal speech and language therapist Karen is one of the ABMU staff members who work as part of Cardiff Community Learning Disabilities Team.

She was heavily involved in the development of the card, advising on suitable resources to support accessible information about the card and the development of training resources for call

operators and the police. The South Wales Police training and development department has used the resources to train around 350 call operators. Karen also scripted and recorded an online training clip for officers which will be made available via the police internal network.

Karen said: "The awards were given by the police force so was nice to be recognised as an external agency. I am very happy to be involved and hope one day it becomes an all-Wales scheme that covers everybody."

"The card helps to provide early notification of someone's needs so they can get the appropriate support. It is helping give someone a voice that might have previously gone unheard."

The free scheme, which has more than 300 users registered on its secure database, is already making a difference.

#### SAFE RETURN

Karen said one registered service user who regularly travels independently from his home in Cardiff had come to the attention of police in Merthyr.

Police asked him if he had a Keep Safe Card and were then able to support him appropriately and contact relevant people to ensure his safe return.

She said: "Some people with learning disabilities can get in the wrong place at the wrong time. Having the card meant he wasn't detained and wasn't subjected to a mental health assessment which saved not only time and resources for the police and health service but also minimised distress and confusion for the individual. It was great to hear feedback like that."

ABMU's professional head of speech and language therapy Christine Griffiths said: "We are really proud of

Karen. Her work is of the highest standards and her contribution to developing materials for training has supported the police in communicating appropriately with people with learning disabilities leading to more effective interventions.

"The Keep Safe Cymru card scheme is a fantastic innovation for people with learning disabilities and mental health conditions."

# Telling the stories of people at Wildmill

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Tracy Harris said: "We want to follow the stories of those who feel angry and abandoned, especially those who are unemployed. I think it's important also to understand why some people do end up turning to drugs in places where there are many people with little prospect of getting a job".

Chris Rushton added: "This will be an intimate and caring portrait of life on one of Wales' forgotten estates. As well as looking at the problems, it's also important to show that there are people living on Wildmill who do care about the place. It's not all bad housing and dereliction, some people own their homes and have planted some amazing gardens, and there is still a strong sense of community".



**Chris Rushton and Tracy Harris.**

## Council is opposed to the Porthcawl parking permits

**P O R T H C A W L** Town Council has declared its opposition to a proposed residents' permit parking scheme in the town.

People in the areas that could be affected have been asked to respond to Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) which is running a consultation exercise.

The town council has now given its response, which it will also be submitting to the consultation.

A spokeswoman said: "Various issues have been raised regarding the proposal to introduce residents' permit parking zones in streets in and around Esplanade Avenue, Porthcawl.

"In conclusion, Porthcawl Town Council strongly objects to this proposal".

The number of permits issued would far exceed the available parking spaces, as many properties in the area are multiple occupancy flats.

"Permits will not guarantee residents a space outside their homes and would cause problems for carers and doctors trying to park nearby.

"It would impact on visitors to the town as the car park is frequently

full, and have a knock-on effect on local businesses. BCBC has been asked to extend the consultation period as many residents have indicated they have not seen details of the proposal.

"In conclusion, Porthcawl Town Council strongly objects to this proposal".

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# News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following pupils on their success at the Urdd eisteddfod in Caerphilly.

First: Nel Lewis and Huw Jones: Duet years 7-9. Dramatic Presentation years 7-9.  
 Second: Recitation Group year 10 and under 19 – Manon Ogwen Parry; Girls Solo year 10 and under 19.  
 Third: Duet year 10 and under 19 – Manon Ogwen Parry and Llinos

Jones.  
 In addition to the stage competitions, pupils took part in a variety of other competitions. These are the results from off the stage.

Puppet or Mask years 7, 8 and 9: Cadi Haf Rhys Binney (3rd).

CogUrdd (Cookery years 7-9): Beca Berry (4th).

National Science Society's mathematical competition

This competition for secondary school pupils

was established in 1983, with support from the National Science Society. The competition organiser is Gareth Ffowc Roberts, Bangor University. The competition is open to year-8 pupils.

All applicants will receive a certificate, and those who have reached a very high standard will receive a prize. In association with the Urdd, these prizes are awarded each year at the Urdd National eisteddfod.

This year, 842 pupils took part, with 120 reaching an excellent standard. Along with a further 10, Huw Jones reached an exceptional standard.

Well done to everyone who took part!

### The Wizard of Oz

DURING half term sixth form pupil Jodi Bird was part of Orbit Theatre's production *The Wizard of Oz*. The show received multiple glowing reviews in the press. Well done, Jodi and all the cast!

KH

### VALEPLUS

VALEPLUS holds a coffee morning and presentation of certificates on Friday, June 26 at 10.30am to 12pm; entrance £1.50 which includes coffee and cake, at 118a High Street, Barry.

## Searching for a local artist

I have acquired a painting of Newcastle Church, Bridgend.

It is signed CJ Jones and on the back is written Newcastle Church, NFS, Cliff Jones. I am so pleased to have the painting, I have a very strong, sentimental, family attachment to Newcastle Hill.

I would love to know who the artist is, just to complete the story. If anyone has any information, please telephone 01656 650881. Thank you.

Jane Williams  
Corntown

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Recitation Group.



Huw Jones.



Beca Berry.

## ROYALS JOIN IN WI CELEBRATIONS

At the June meeting of Sker WI, president Nora welcomed members and referred to the considerable media coverage of the centenary celebrations and events throughout the UK.

Secretary Cynthia read the minutes for approval and notices of upcoming events.

The speakers were representatives from the Shaw Trust, a charity started in Wiltshire 30 years ago to help disabled and disadvantaged people to find work.

To date, hundreds of thousands have been helped. Government funding assists the charity and their 50 shops throughout the UK, the Porthcawl shop being one of seven in Wales.

The WI centenary annual meeting was held at the Royal Albert Hall this month, when the Queen opened the meeting accompanied by the Princess Royal and Sophie, Countess of

Wessex.

At the Gwyn Hall, Neath, a live screening was relayed onto a huge cinema screen. It was thrilling to watch, and plain to see that the royal ladies also enjoyed the informal and happy atmosphere of this unique occasion.

This was highlighted when the Queen had difficulty in cutting through the (extremely rich) fruit cake. Great hilarity erupted when the knife got stuck and Princess Anne stepped forward to lend a hand, to rapturous applause.

They were delighted when presented with cake to take home, saying that despite cutting cakes on countless occasions, it

was rare to actually get to sample it! All three Royals presented annual prizes and they were each presented with flowers.

Speakers Lucy Worsley, Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson and Helena Morrissey contributed immensely to the occasion.

Final arrangements were made for the WI museum and riverboat trip in Swansea, with evening meal later this month, and summer fair (July 17) at Trinity Church. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact secretary Cynthia on 01656 786218.

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# After the swarm, watch this space!

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY  
by HAROLD WILLIAMS

**S**WARMS and more swarms is the order of the day! My own bees have swarmed and calls are coming in all of the time.

This month is proving to be a very active one. The swarming of bees is a perfectly natural event; it is after all how the species ensures its survival.

What was one colony will now become two. One of the major triggers that bring about a swarm is usually the lack of space in the hive; at this time of the year, a queen bee can be laying up to 2,000 eggs per day! Why this happens?

Well, the life of a worker bee (all workers are female) is measured in weeks – six weeks is about all they last – they literally work themselves to death to provide for the needs of the colony, so new bees are a must if a colony is to survive.

What is the format of our

beehives we talk about? They are, in essence, wooden boxes set upon a base (floor). However, the dimensions of these simple boxes have to be accurate – because precision in honeycomb manufacture is something that the bees excel at.

There is within the hive a very definite bee space! This space is there so that the bees can manoeuvre between the wooden frames that we beekeepers insert into a hive.

In their turn, these wooden frames have to be constructed to precise measurements to maintain that required bee space.

The bees will not tolerate any dimensional infidelity on the part of the beekeeper.

So what is the bee space? It is 6mm. When a frame is inserted into the hive it is so constructed that it meets the demands of the bees: it is shy of the internal walls by this magic number and also has

the same spacing on its underside.

Trying to describe this bee space is not too straightforward, but those of you reading this article would soon understand if you ever got to observe the inner workings of a beehive.

So room to expand has to exist within a beehive; the beekeeper can add extra boxes to provide the bees with more room and, hopefully, control swarming – but things don't always go to plan and after all swarming is how the species ensures its survival.

The poor beekeepers are left nonplussed when, despite their best efforts, their bees decide to depart...

*This beekeeping year is producing a variety of conditions and the bees are handling the variable weather well enough. Will we get a honey crop this year? Who knows! As always, the weather is the dominant factor in the honey bee's world.*

## Join the ladies only night time walk for the Ty Hafan hospice

**W**Omen are being asked to don their favourite onesies for a night-time stroll on Ty Hafan's Wales Onesie Walk in Cardiff city centre on June 26 – to support life-limited children and their families from across Wales.

Starting and finishing at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium, walkers will be taking part in a 5k or a 10k stroll, after live entertainment from the Rock Choir, special appearances from Captain Jack Sparrow and Anna Ryder Richardson, face painters, theatrical makeovers, and sports demonstrations.

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The event, sponsored by Cardiff's Walkabout – the official venue of the Wales Onesie Walk after-party – is Ty Hafan's fifth night-time walk.

Emily Fradd, Ty Hafan's marketing and events Officer, said: "Ty Hafan cares for many children throughout Wales who have been born with a life-limiting condition – such conditions can require round-the-clock care. We are asking ladies to give up one night so they can support parents who rarely get a good night's sleep."

The Wales Onesie Walk is a ladies-only event starting at 10pm. Men are not being left out as Ty Hafan needs male marshals to provide a clear and safe route for the ladies taking part.

Emily added: "It's a magical night-time walk, with the camaraderie between the hundreds of women taking part, creating a wonderful atmosphere. As well as the walk, there will be pamper sessions, music, games and prizes before the event, and the usual glow packs and giveaways on offer."

Entry is £10 per person and each walker is asked to raise £50 in sponsorship. To register or for more information, please visit [www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk](http://www.walesonesiewalk.co.uk).

## Top award for nurseries owner



Little Inspirations Nurseries owner Jenine Gill (centre), with staff members Samantha Jones Williams (right) and Aimee Griffiths. THE owner of three children's nurseries has won a top Vocational Qualifications (VQ) Award.

Jenine Gill, who employs 55 staff at Little Inspirations children's nurseries in Llantrisant, Rhydfeelin and Barry, was named VQ Employer of the Year at the Wales awards ceremony held at St David's Hotel, Cardiff.

The awards, which celebrate the achievements of both learners and employers across Wales, were held on the eve of VQ Day across the UK.

## Dancers at charity garden party

TEAM WALES



## Intrepid volunteers tackling Taff trail for Greyhound Rescue

TEN intrepid volunteers will be walking 55 miles along the Taff Trail tomorrow (Friday, June 19) to help raise funds for Greyhound Rescue Wales.

Cardiff Bay on Sunday (June 21) at around 1pm.

They will be joined for the final 2.5 miles by around 40 greyhounds and their owners, to walk the last stretch to the Bay.

The event has already seen the team raise almost £3,000, and they hope to raise much more with the public's help.

A garden party, in aid of Cancer Research Wales and Team Wales for the Dance World Cup, will be held in the Old Hall Gardens, Cowbridge this Sunday (June 21) at 3pm.

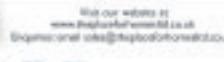
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# Out and About with The GEM

## Open Studio Trail events

**FOLLOWING** on from the success of last year's inaugural summer festival Open Studio Trail, Penarth artists are once again opening their doors to the public. Last year saw a steady stream of visitors throughout the day.

The feedback was very enthusiastic, but many said it was difficult to visit all the studios in the course of one day. Therefore all the studios will be open both on Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5, from 10am - 4pm.

The trail will be showcasing 11 artists' studios, with 20 artists taking part, and will allow people to discover the diverse artistic talent in Penarth. There should be something for everyone as fine art, glass, ceramics, textiles and jewellery will be on show.

Refreshments will be available at most studios with a donation to Penarth Town Council's nominated charity Santa Clause Benevolent Fund, which provides food parcels to the

elderly in Penarth at Christmas time.

The walking trail is situated all around Penarth Town centre and many of the artists are grouped close together: Plymouth Road - Corrine Butcher, Judy Stephens, Cathy O'Doherty; Stanwell Road/Archer Road - Angelina Hall, Fran Whiteside, Jill

Schoenmann; Victoria Road - Shirley Anne Owen & Geraldus John, Pauline Williams; Church Road/Windsor Terrace - Judith Martin Jones, The Penarth Group featuring Guy Wooley, Diana Mead, Chris Taylor and Steve John; Dryden Road - Anne Morgan, Bill Chambers, Ruth Harris, Ruth Shelley, Paul Wearing, Helen Lush.

*Trail maps are available at most SIP participating Penarth shops, and also Rowley's The Jewellers, Artisans Corner, Penarth Library, Penarth Pier Pavilion and Penarth Town Council (West House).*

**Charity fun day**  
A FAMILY fun day takes place on Sunday, June 21 from 11am - 4pm at Dexters Tea Room, Felindre, Cefn Cribwr and Vale of Glamorgan.

### News in brief

#### Vale AM's surgery

JANE Hutt, the Assembly Member for the Vale, will be holding a surgery at Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys tomorrow (Friday, June 19) from 4pm - 5pm. No appointment necessary.

#### Meet the volunteers

TO celebrate Small Charity Week, the volunteering team at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) will be at John Street bandstand in Porthcawl town centre this Friday, June 19 from 10am - 3pm.

Small charity week celebrates and raises the profile of small charities; BAVO provides a county-wide volunteer centre offering a one-stop resource on all aspects of volunteering, with over 30 registered voluntary organisations offering a wide range of opportunities to match your skills and interests.

*For further details, call BAVO, 01656 810400 or email bavo@bavo.org.uk.*

**Vale run a monthly free welfare rights service.**

An adviser will be available on Tuesday, June 23 (9.30am to 11.30am) at Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry; no appointment is needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

#### Summer in the garden

**THE** Llantwit Major Horticultural Society meeting on Wednesday, June 24 at 7.30pm in the Llantwit Major Hall will be an illustrated talk by Kevin Thomas.

He will show how a careful choice of plants can give optimum colour in your garden all summer. Kevin will also bring along a small selection of plants for sale.

All are welcome. The hall is just off the Bovertown Road behind the library at the back of the Rugby Club car park, admission is free and we look forward to seeing you.

#### Health AGM

**THE** Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, June 22, at 6.30pm in committee room 1, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff.

#### Benefits advice

FOR anyone needing advice on benefits, Age Connects Cardiff and

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**THE following gardens will open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme:**

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*Eric and Angharad Roberts.*

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (2pm - 6pm). Admission £5, child free, home-made teas.

*Lady Inkin.*

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Opening information: Sunday, June 21 (11am-5pm). Combined admission £4, child free. Tea at Green Hall Community Centre.

The gardens in this group are: 13 Bedford Road; 6 Bedford Road; Bryn Terrace; Cefn Cribwr Primary School and Allotments; Cefn Methodist Church; 77 Cefn Road; 25 East Avenue; 15 Green Meadow; Hill Top; 6 Tai Thorn; 21 West Avenue.

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**Heronsbridge School: 01446 70423; broadcast@btinternet.com.**

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Opening for NGS: Tuesday, June 23, Tuesday, July 21, Tuesday, August 11, Tuesday, September 1 (10am-5pm). Admission £3, child free.

For other opening times and information, telephone 01446 774036 or visit [www.bordervale.co.uk](http://www.bordervale.co.uk).

## Dyffryn past takes shape in the present

**WORK** goes on apace at Dyffryn Gardens to finish the gardens before the summer holidays, as gardeners, conservationists and builders help restore lacklustre gardens to

their former glory.

So far on the list of completed works is repointing paving, rendering buildings and restoring fountains to working order, but the list is much longer. This week marks the sixth week of the restoration work starting and an extensive amount of work has been completed. Workmen and expert conservators have been on-site continuously and working together to meet the end of July deadline.

The expert team from Cliveden conservation has refitted the fountain, cleaned all the stonework and are currently working on repairing the statues.

Hazel Robinson, plant propagator at National Trust Dyffryn Gardens said: "The next stage will be adding in the new planting schemes which we have been growing in the horticultural yard. They'll have a huge and colourful impact virtually overnight so will really bring the garden rooms to life."

"The work will be going on throughout June and July which may mean occasional disruption to the areas; however, the house and gardens will remain open as normal. Stop by over the spring and summer to see the gardens transform."

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# BEMs FOR TWO LOCAL PEOPLE AND... Now it's 'Sir Gareth' after Queen's Birthday Honours



**Sir Gareth Edwards.**  
(Photo supplied by the Welsh Rugby Union).



**ABOVE: Jean Schofield**, pictured at a recent KRUF event.

THREE Bridgend county borough residents were honoured in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List – and leading the way was Welsh rugby great Gareth Edwards – now Sir Gareth, after receiving a Knighthood.

There were also honours for Jean Schofield of Porthcawl, and Doug John of Pencoed, who both received a British Empire Medal.

Mrs Schofield

received her BEM for her work on behalf of kidney research, and Mr John received his in recognition of his work in the community.

The Welsh Rugby Union congratulated the legendary Wales and British and Irish Lions international, who won 53 caps for Wales between 1967 and 1978, 13 as captain, along with 10 caps for the British and Irish Lions – while taking part in victorious tours of New Zealand in 1971 and South Africa in 1974.

In 2003, a Rugby World magazine poll named him as the greatest player of all time, and in 2007 he was awarded a CBE.

WRU president, Dennis Gethin, said:

"Gareth Edwards fully deserves the honour of a Knighthood for the incredible contribution to rugby he has made both on and off the field.

"His reputation as a

player is possibly

unparalleled and since retiring from the game he has continued to be a powerful ambassador for rugby both in Wales and around the world. I had the privilege of playing in the same Cardiff team as Gareth and I am proud to regard him as a friend."

WRU chairman, Gareth Davies, added:

"He epitomises the values of fair play and courage which are central to rugby and in his off the field career as a broadcaster and businessman he remains a great ambassador for our game.

"Everyone who knows Gareth regards him as a true gentleman who is always approachable, courteous and welcoming despite his towering reputation as one of rugby's true



**Doug John during his recent year of office as Mayor of Pencoed.**  
(Photo by Mandy Thomas.)

greats."

Jean Schofield has been a stalwart of the Porthcawl fundraising branch of Kidney Research for many years – her involvement is personal too, 27 years ago she donated a kidney to her son.

Jean told The GEM: "We've had an active fundraising group in Porthcawl for 26 years now, and it has been wonderful to be a part of it.

"Membership is growing and new members bring new fundraising ideas. I really do see this award as honouring the group, rather than me."

She said that money raised goes to the Kidney Wales Foundation and to Cardiff and Morriston Hospital.

She added: "We ask the hospitals what they need and then see if we can supply it."

Coun Doug John has served on both Bridgend County Borough Council and Pencoed Town Council, and has been Mayor of both.

During his time as Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, he launched the successful 'Green Light Laser' appeal for a new machine to operate on men with benign prostate disease.

## Calls made for a Vale councillor to step down after 'betrayal of trust'

THERE have been calls for Vale councillor Rob Curtis to resign after he issued a statement last week confirming that he had pleaded guilty to a charge of common assault.

In his statement, Coun Curtis said that while working as a volunteer warden on Skomer Island, he had placed his hand on the leg of a female volunteer, intending it as a "friendly gesture".

He went on to say that he had accepted the charge of common assault in the hope of "bringing this stressful matter to an end".

However, Coun Shirley Hodges, Plaid Cymru group leader on Barry Town Council, said: "Being a councillor, on the Vale Council or Barry Town Council, is a position of trust – and I believe he has betrayed that trust.

"I'm angry that he portrayed himself as some kind of victim of the judicial system in his 'public apology' published in the press.

"The only possible outcome is for Robert Curtis to resign as a councillor, and if the Labour Party allow him to continue to represent their party, then it undermines all of the work they have done in the Assembly on gender equality and ending violence against women."

Dennis Harkus of Barry also wrote to The GEM, expressing concerns. He said: "His self-referral to the Ombudsman may give the impression to some of a bold and noble gesture, but a referral to his voters would have been the more honourable thing to do".

### WARD SURGERY

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills and Courtwards, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery this Saturday (June 20) from 10am till 11am in the small community room of Barry Library Kings Square. No appointment is necessary.

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## Welsh Government springs a surprise on council mergers

AFTER months of speculation in the light of the Williams Commission's plan to reduce the number of councils in Wales, the Welsh Government has surprised commentators with its own preferred two options, writes PHILIP IRWIN.

It plans to cut the number of councils by more than the commission suggested, and is looking to reduce the number from 22 to either eight or nine.

For the two councils in The GEM's circulation area, it's a case of 'as expected' for the Vale, but it's quite a surprise for Bridgend (BCBC).

While the Vale Council is expected to join with Cardiff, Bridgend is being lined up as part of a tri with Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) and Merthyr.

In effect, it is a return to the old pre-1995 boundaries, as the Vale and Cardiff become what used to be south Glamorgan, and BCBC, RCT and Merthyr go back to the old mid-Glamorgan set up.

However, speaking on Radio Wales, the former BCBC leader, Jeff Jones (now a local government consultant) said that the reorganisation was dependent on Labour winning a majority at next year's Assembly elections, as none of the opposition parties had shown any inclination to support these proposals.

He said that there was a potential for old resentments to resurface, as in South Glamorgan days, the Vale had felt squeezed out by the dominance of Regulatory Impact Assessment.

### LDP is 'a sham' – councillor

A Dinas Powys councillor has told The GEM he believes the new LDP is little more than "a sham".

Chris Franks, Plaid Cymru, a Vale and community councillor, gave evidence before the Vale's environment committee on Tuesday evening, June 16, but said the meeting was a "missed opportunity".

He said: "It was very disappointing. It was an opportunity for the public to have its say on the LDP, but the only people there were from Dinas Powys, because we told them (about the meeting).

### WINDOW FESTIVAL

ST PAUL'S, Pontyclun, hold its fourth Stained Glass Window Festival on June 28 (from 10.30am – 5pm) and June 29 (from 12 noon – 5pm).

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Visitors also welcome by arrangement March to October. Please enquire about price when booking.

Steve Barasi and Debbie Wilson; deborahwilson865@gmail.com.

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Old School House is a mixed cottage garden with mature shrubs.

Plant sale. Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (2pm - 6pm). Combined admission £5, child admitted free. Home-made teas at Village Hall.

### Llanedeyrn Primary School,

Wellwood, Llanedeyrn, Cardiff, Glamorgan

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### St Fagans Church Primary School, Drove Road, Cardiff, Glamorgan CF5 4SZ.

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Opening information: Sunday, June 28 (1pm - 5pm). Admission £3, child admitted free. Home-made teas.

## *The future of Rhoose Library*

THE Vale Council has decided to close several libraries in the Vale unless a community group comes forward with a bid to run the library on a voluntary basis.

Deadlines were set by the council for an 'Expression of Interest' to be submitted which I am pleased to confirm was submitted in time and accepted by the council. The next important phase is the drafting of a business plan for submission to the Vale by July 12 and while a great deal of work has already been done it is now essential that we consult the public.

There will be a public meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 23 at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose. I am pleased with the progress made in such a short time but we now need the support of the people at our meeting to give their views of our draft business plan and ideas for the services that the Rhoose Community Library should provide.

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Maria Battle, chair of Cardiff and Vale UHB, Richard Edwards, area commissioner Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Scouts Association; Jack Hardman, community liaison for the Scout Association, Jane Hutt, AM.

## Scouts hand over £500 'treasure' to breast centre

THE Breast Centre at University Hospital Llandough (UHL) was handed a £500 windfall after local Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides took part in a sponsored Roman treasure ramble to raise money for the charity.

About 150 Scout and Guide personnel started their ramble from the ruins of the Roman fort on the Knap, Barry, along the Barry

Heritage Trail and visited a number of places of interest along the way. At each stop there was a team challenge to complete.

Ms Hutt said: "It is wonderful to see the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides raising funds for the pioneering Breast Centre at Llandough Hospital.

"I felt very honoured to be invited to join them for the presentation.

"The contribution they have made to the charity will really help make a difference."

## Merthyr Mawr WI hears a tale of Dyffryn

**PRESIDENT**  
Margaret Batten welcomed everyone to the June meeting. Unfortunately, the speaker for the evening was unavailable—but luckily, member Gwerfil Gardner stepped into the breach.

Gwerfil gave an interesting talk about the history of Dyffryn House. There was a house, belonging to the Bishop of Llandaff, on the site as early as the 7th century. In Elizabethan times, the house was known as Cwrt Defaid and it became known as Dyffryn in the 18th century when it was sold to the Pryce family, who built a Georgian manor house on the site.

In 1891, the house passed into the hands of the Cory family. This family originated from Devon and were traders, moving goods between Cardiff, Devon and Ireland. The Cory family progressed from being traders to becoming shipping agents and then with the boom of Cardiff they became ship owners and colliery owners.

The family was also known for philanthropic

work in the community. The house and estate were sold in the 1930s to Sir Cennyyd Traherne, who really only wanted the estate and he offered the house and gardens to the county for educational purposes.

The house was then used for courses and conferences, but the fabric of the house fell into disrepair. The National Trust became involved with Dyffryn just over two years ago and it is gradually being restored.

Two members, Enid Connick and June Henry, were lucky to be chosen to go the recent garden party held at Buckingham Palace as part of the celebrations for the centenary of the WI.

The party was hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall, Princess Alexandra, The Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester.

They had a wonderful time, the fashions were lovely and the food was delicious.

Our ladies were extremely fortunate as they were singled out to be introduced to the Duchess of Gloucester.

*The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, at 7pm in Ewenny Community Hall, new members are always welcome.*

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## Sammy the spaniel saves dumped kittens



Photo by Sue Dobbs.

ON a day when cat owners are encouraged to pause and hug their pets, seven four-week-old kittens were dumped in a box on Maerdy Mountain.

Fortunately for them, Super Dog Sammy used his sniffing powers to alert his owners to their plight.

Sammy, a springer spaniel, was being walked by his owner Leanne Crockett and her father Steven when he made the discovery.

Mr Crockett said: "We were just walking on Maerdy Mountain when Sammy happened to come across the box; he would normally have left it alone, but on this occasion he stopped and started sniffing the box.

"We went over to investigate and discovered the kittens in the box."

The kittens were taken into the care of Cats Protection Bridgend Adoption Centre. Sue Dobbs, centre manager, said:

"The kittens were in good body condition but very frightened and some of them had flu symptoms.

"They are around four weeks old and far

too young to be away from their mum. It was very fortunate that Sammy found them and alerted his owners. The kittens wouldn't have survived long without their mum in those temperatures."

"The kittens have been named Kisses, Snuggles, Cariad, Smooch, Hugs, Cuddles and Cwtch; they are being hand-reared and receiving 24 hr TLC by their fosterers."

"We would urge owners to get their pet cats neutered as they are such prolific breeders."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

ST Richard Gwynn fashion show takes place today, (Thursday, June 18) from 6pm-8pm.

Tickets, adults £2, children £1.50, are available on the door.

Entertainment and refreshments provided. All proceeds to Ty Hafan.

#### Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a free legal advice session on June 23 (10am to 12 midday) at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

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# The park is open... and Jurassic World is a thrills 'n' spills blockbuster ride!

**IN 1993, *Jurassic Park* genuinely blew people's minds. Steven Spielberg's blockbuster was an incredible film full of fun, fear and spectacle, and found plenty of love from audiences around the world.**

Spielberg went darker with 1997's *The Lost World*, a film that has its moments, but a third entry, directed

by Joe Johnson, hit cinema screens in 2001, lacking the magic and sparkle of previous outings and making less than half of *The Lost World*'s box office.

A fourth outing has been oft-mooted but until now has remained on the backburner, with *Jurassic World* finally hitting cinema screens.

Isla Nublar (the island from the first film) is now a fully-functioning park, headed by operations manager Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) and

dinosaur trainer Owen (Chris Pratt), who has managed to form a relationship with the dreaded velociraptors.

All is going well at the park, until a dinosaur that has been genetically spliced together, known as the Indominus Rex, and intended to boost attendance levels, gets loose – and as the danger level in the park rises, Claire's nephews (Nick Robinson and Ty Simpkins) get caught up in the deadly events and Nick and his team are sent on a rescue operation...

Stepping into the shoes of Steven Spielberg is a tough enough task, but when it comes to making a further instalment of the *Jurassic Park* franchise, then those shoes are T-Rex-sized. Arguably both Spielberg and Joe Johnson struggled to match the epic scale of the first film, so with Colin Trevorrow (director of only one film before this, indie time-traveller *Safety Not Guaranteed*) the latest to try his hand, the question is has he succeeded?

The answer is, in the main, yes; showing an ambition and confidence belying his inexperience, Trevorrow has crafted a film that is



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smartphones rather than taking in the spectacle the park has to offer.

It means that this time around, there is work to be done to try and persuade audiences, yet also to satisfy the numerous fans that the franchise has, something the film takes great pains to address and they run that tightrope very well, even if it sometimes harks back a little too much at times.

The main 'story beats' (children whose parents are getting divorced) get lost in the park, adults with child intimacy issues, company men with nefarious schemes) all feel fully realised thanks to the first film, while several set-pieces, although cleverly nodding to the first film, feel a little too familiar.

Things have changed since 1993, in terms of effects and also in terms of people's expectations of blockbusters; what was jaw-dropping then, is easily considered run-of-the-mill now, and it's something that *Jurassic World* references several times, whether it's audiences becoming blasé about seeing dinosaurs roaming the earth and the park.

However, to concentrate on this does Trevorrow and company a great disservice, as this is

patently a passion

project for the director, and one he handles with aplomb. He shows a wonderful ability to meld CGI and real animatronics together, creating a world that is both spectacular and also realistic, while the film has the look and feel of Spielberg's original offering but without slavishly copying it.

The new addition to the dinosaur villains' gallery, the Indominus Rex, is suitably violent and deadly (perhaps the key reason for the 12A certificate), a fearsome amalgamation of several animals and dinosaurs that is less an attraction and more a lean, mean killing machine.

The human characters feel a little two-dimensional, yet imbued with character by the performers, so Chris Pratt's stoically heroic man of action, Bryce Dallas Howard's upright manager, and Ty Simpkins and Nick Robinson's wide-eyed youngster and phone-obsessed teenager respectively, are all given extra shades thanks to the performers.

As summer blockbusters go, *Jurassic World* is an assured, wildly-

entertaining thrill ride of a film, overseen by a director whose first shot at the big leagues is a success – the whiff of nostalgia is more than prevalent, but when it comes to this franchise, what's not to love about that?

**VERDICT:** A shot of nostalgia but a thrill ride on its own terms,

*Jurassic World* is an entertaining blockbuster that's difficult not to enjoy. Treading the line between offering something fresh and exciting, and harking back to the franchise's best moments, this is a strong offering.

**Recommended.**  
**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Jurassic Park*

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjack pot lottery draw number D883:

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

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**Valeways walks**  
ON Wednesday, June 24 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

On Thursday, June 25 at 10am, 'Round and About!', starting at the Merrie Harrier, Llandough, CF64 2NY.

**Slow food group is launched at St Fagans**

THE new South East Wales Slow Food Group was launched at St Fagans Museum on Saturday by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

She was joined by Vale businesses at the event, including, Barnaby Hibbert, chef patron The Gallery Restaurant in Barry (and vice chair of the South East Wales Slow Food Committee) and Roland Tomos and Rob Lilford-Micro Brewers Tomos a Lilford, Llantwit Major.

She commented: "I was very pleased to launch the South East Wales Slow Food group – it was an extremely informative and enlightening event and I congratulate all those involved. Slow Food's emphasis on nutritious and healthy food from local sources is entirely compatible with the Welsh Government's Food and Drink Action Plan goals and I am delighted that we now have a local Slow Food Group for south east Wales."



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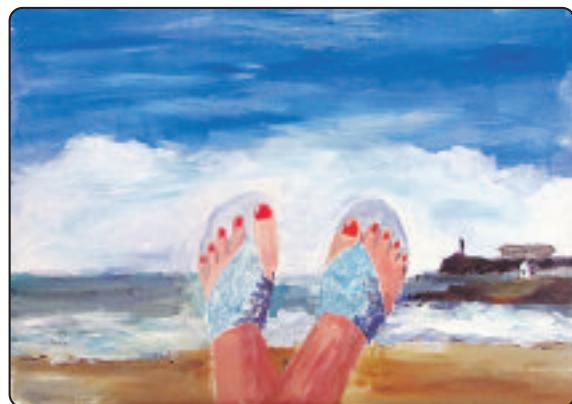
# PALETTES AT THE READY AS ARTISTS TAKE UP CHALLENGE IN PORTHCAWL



LEFT:  
Karen O'Shea's winning artwork.



ABOVE: Mary James' watercolour won the second prize.



ABOVE: Janet Hawkard, from Portishead, was placed third by the judges.

**DOUBLE** the entrants and double the prize money – that's the plan for Art Challenge Wales 2016 after this year's inaugural event in Porthcawl captured the imagination of budding and experienced artists alike.

The competition challenged artists to paint, draw, sculpt or sketch a masterpiece in just one day. Participants began the morning with a blank canvas and were invited to set up at any location of their choice in the town.

Artists aged from 11 up to their 80s took part, with Karen O'Shea from Cardiff winning the first prize of £500 for her mixed-media piece entitled 'The people and coast of Porthcawl'. She used seaweed and shells that she found on the beach, made paper to hold it all together, and then painted her work once it had dried.

A public vote saw Cardiff's Kate Evans take the 'People's Choice' award, while 15-year-old Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupil Alice Webber won the junior competition for her watercolour painting of Newton Beach.

Art Challenge Wales founder Philip Vaughan said: "We couldn't have expected the first year of this event to have gone any better. There were 68 artists taking part, and to see them all spread out across the seafront and the town centre to create their work within such a tight timescale was a fantastic sight."

"Understandably, as it was a competition there are some artists who were disappointed not to win, but I would like to congratulate everyone who took part. The judging panel certainly had some difficult decisions to make."

"Some travelled from as far as Pembrokeshire and



LEFT: Jeremy O'Connor won an artistic weekend course in Brecon after he was 'Highly Commended'.

BELOW:  
Mary James creating her watercolour from the rocks in front of the Grand Pavilion.



ABOVE: Kate Evans creating her artwork, which won the People's Choice Award.



ABOVE: Alice Webber won art materials after picking up the Junior Award for her watercolour.



Eleven-year old Oskar Robertson thoroughly enjoyed the competition.



ABOVE: Crowds enjoyed watching Derek Windsor at work.

Bristol, and each and every one of the artists I have spoken to has said that they'll return next year. I'm absolutely bowled over by the response and, having got the event off the ground, we'll be aiming for double the number of participants in 2016. And to entice more artists to get involved I'm willing to double the prize money too.

"I've also been speaking to some contacts from Porthcawl's twin town in France – Saint Sébastien Sur Loire – and they're really excited about this event and are extremely keen to get involved. I certainly believe that this one-day art challenge has the potential to become a firm favourite in the Welsh arts calendar."

*All of the artwork that was created on the day has been made available to buy. A third of the pieces have already been snapped up, and if you are interested in purchasing any of the remaining work please visit [www.artchallengewales.co.uk](http://www.artchallengewales.co.uk).*

*The full list of winners is as follows...*

**First:** Karen O'Shea – 'The people and coast of Porthcawl'. **Second:** Mary James – 'Looking from the rocks to the Pavilion'. **Third:** Janet Hawkard – 'Self-portrait of my feet on Trecco Bay, Porthcawl'.

**Highly Commended:** Jeremy O'Connor – 'Coney Beach from the eastern promenade'.

**People's Choice Award:** Kate Evans – 'I figured the donkeys deserved a day off'.

**Junior Award:** Alice Webber – 'Watercolour of Newton Beach'.

# Marathon walk to raise funds for disability centre

A MARATHON walk will take place later this month to raise money for a Vale day centre for people with disabilities.

Two years ago, a walking group was set up at the Scope Skills Centre in Sully, as part of the Vale Fit 4 Wales programme.

The group meets every Tuesday and is made up of 10-12 clients from Scope and three more from supported living, together with support staff.

Last May the group completed a half-marathon walk, which took place over five consecutive days and raised £1,200 for the centre.

Now the walkers are stepping up the challenge – by taking part in a full marathon over six days.

It starts on Monday, June 22, and, with a rest day on the Wednesday, will finish the following Tuesday, June 30.

Joanne Pedrick, ABMU physiotherapy technical instructor working in the Vale learning disabilities community support team

and is involved with the Scope centre, explained:

“As with last year, we will walk a different route each day. On the final day the route will be at Barry Island where all service users, family, friends, support staff and the health team will be invited to cheer the group across the finishing line.

The walk is a sponsored event and we hope to beat the amount raised last year. The money raised will go to the Scope Skills Centre and used to improve the day centre for the service users.”

Joanne said the walking group, formed in May 2013, had gone from strength to strength: “Through the weekly walks, the group members have really built up their confidence by being out in the community.

“They have all gained a social network of friends and they have developed many independent skills.”

If anyone would like to sponsor the walkers, email joanne.pedrick@wales.nhs.uk.

## Mongolian yurts – Llynfi's best-kept tourism secret!



The Cwm Tawel holiday centre.

SHADOW Welsh Tourism Minister Suzy Davies has praised one of the Llynfi Valley's “best kept secrets” – a holiday centre at Llety Brongu, where visitors stay in Mongolian yurts!

The Cwm Tawel holiday centre was set up by residents of Bryn Terrace in Llety Brongu, who jointly own and run it as a co-operative social enterprise.

The village has had communal allotments for some time but four years ago, they decided to branch out into providing holiday accommodation.

The centre's only employee is Phil Williams – all the other workers, including his wife Sandra, are volunteers. After the group had their initial idea, they set about importing four Mongolian yurts more usually seen on the vast steppes of their home country.

Phil said: “Initially, we were going to have tips, but we did some research and realised that the yurts would be better.”

The site was leased from local farmers, Irene and Eiryl Garfield, who have been totally supportive of the plan. After planning permission was obtained, the team set about erecting the yurts – each with its own decking and barbecue area plus a communal round house where the holidaymakers can gather in the evening to socialise and cook in the special oven built of stone.

But the site also boasts a wooden building where a kitchen is located, with its own Rayburn, plus a range of microwaves, kettles, refrigerators and the like.

Next door is a shower block and a series of earth toilets. And there's also a hot tub heated by a wood boiler. All of this was built by Phil and the volunteers.

The Tory regional AM for South Wales West was very impressed with the entire development: “This is a wonderful concept,” she said. “The location is fabulous with beautiful views of surrounding countryside.

“It's a great place to just get away from everything but it is also close enough to Llangynwyd, where the visitors can pop into the local pubs for a meal or a drink and also get what they need in local shops. So it brings money into the area and everyone benefits.”

Some of the volunteers are on placement from employment agencies and are taught a variety of skills, including dry stone walling, hedging, wood carving, fencing and gardening.

The centre has a poly tunnel, where the volunteers grow a variety of food stuffs which is on sale to the guests. Craft courses are also available for them.

Guests have come from as far afield as Canada and Australia while others have travelled just a few miles to stay. Each yurt sleeps five people.

Suzy added: “This is a prime example of how a group of people committed to a great idea and made it a success for themselves and the local economy. It has been meticulously planned and executed.

“This is the sort of innovative tourism that Wales needs – something that shows Wales can be about the unexpected as well as the warm welcome.”

## WIs have a royal appointment!



LADIES from Glamorgan Federation of WIs were looking forward to a royal garden party.

On June 2, a special garden party took place in the grounds of Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Wales, England and the Channel Islands.

One hundred and fifty four excited members from 83 Glamorgan institutes savoured the amazing atmosphere, the delicious tea and meeting others from all over the country.

The Duchess of Cornwall, who was joined by the Countess of Wessex and the Duchess of Gloucester, hosted the party.

Although the weather was not kind in the morning, the sun came out at just the right

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# HEALTH STAFF HAVE A WORK OUT AT WORK DAY

HEALTH staff were recently installed at UHL. The six equipment machines have been provided to increase health and wellbeing as well as free access to fitness for staff, patients and visitors.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board hosted a number of events at the University Hospital of Wales, University Hospital Llandough (UHL) and Barry Hospital sites to mark the campaign.

A spokesperson reported: "The day came at the right time as staff got to be among the first to try out the new outdoor fitness suite

problems from the physiotherapy team.

Simone Joslyn, clinical project lead at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "Health and wellbeing is important in the workplace and Work Out At Work day not only acts to encourage people to take part in the day's activities but to showcase what activities they have on their doorstep to improve their health and fitness."

"We hope that rather than it be a one-off, staff will feel inspired to make positive and active changes to their lifestyles to improve their overall wellbeing."

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2015

1. NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 32, 33 & 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the effect of which is to amend parking charges at the locations specified in the Schedule below.

2. These amended charges shall come into effect from Monday 13th July 2015

The following Traffic Regulation Orders is to be amended as follows:

### Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

### Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2014

### PROPOSED CAR PARK CHANGING AND ENFORCEMENT

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	(16:00 – 23:00 hours)* Evening rate	For tickets purchased between 4.01pm and 11.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 2.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
	From 1 October – 14 March (08:00 – 23:00 hours)	0-12 hours £2.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE

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Cymlau, Southerndown	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours) *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	<b>Applicable All Year</b> For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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Nell's Point, Barry Island	From 15 March – 30 September (08:00 – 23:00 hours)* *Evening rate applies when parking after 16:00 hours	<b>Applicable All Year</b> For tickets purchased between 8.00am and 4.00pm 0-1 Hour £ 1.00 1+ Hour £ 5.00 Buses/Coaches £10.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE
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	From 1 October – 14 March (08:00 – 23:00 hours)	0-7 hours £2.00 0-12 hours £2.00 Disabled Badge Holders FREE Solo motorcycle FREE

Dated this 18th day of June 2015

M. E. Punter,  
Director of Visible Services & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA.



# SOS – 'Save Our Salmon' plea to all Welsh anglers



Salmon fisherman at work.

ANGLERS are being urgently asked to help conserve fish stocks – by agreeing to release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch in 2015.

Natural Resources Wales made the plea this week, following reports that salmon numbers in Welsh rivers seriously declined last year and while sea trout numbers were more variable with some rivers performing well, others are showing continuing decline.

"As part of efforts to address this, NRW would like to see anglers release all the salmon and more of the sea trout they catch to ensure more fish migrate upstream to spawn and produce more juvenile fish to help boost stocks," a spokesperson said.

At present, an average

of 78 per cent of salmon and sea trout are released after being caught. Figures from the Wye and Taff, where mandatory 100 per cent catch and release byelaws are in place, suggest that catch and release can have a positive effect on fish stocks.

Both the Wye and Taff have shown an improvement in salmon numbers in 2014 and are now predicted to move out of the 'at risk' category by 2019 thanks to a combination of catch and release and improvements in habitat and water quality.

*Fish stocks in a total of 23 salmon and 27 sea trout rivers are assessed annually in Wales and placed in risk categories. The assessments based on 2014 figures show 23 salmon rivers either 'at risk' or 'probably at risk'.*

## HISTORY WALKS ARE A FEATURE OF FESTIVAL



'Keeper of the Valley' at Maesteg Welfare Park.

STARTING this Saturday, the Love2Walk Festival (June 20 – 28) will invite walkers of all ages and abilities to pick up some historic tales as they clock up the miles.

The annual walking festival, which is organised by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) in

tell about local history and nature which can be uncovered when you download the 'Dare to Discover' app for your smartphone or tablet, so walkers will be able to discover more about sites such as Parc Calon Lan in Blaengarw, Aber Fields in Nantymoel, and Wilderness Lake in Portcawl.

Other festival highlights include a four-mile history walk around Coity Castle on Saturday, June 20 which will be led by a knowledgeable local guide, an evening bat walk at Bryngarw Country Park on Tuesday, June 23, and a *Gruffalo* story walk for children on Saturday, June 27.

All walks are free of charge, although some require advance booking. For full details about all of the walks, visit [www.love2walk.co.uk](http://www.love2walk.co.uk).

Many of this year's walks centre on the Bridgend Nature Keepers – a series of interactive sculptures that can be found in some of Bridgend county borough's most beautiful parks and beauty spots.

Each of the 14 sculptures has a story to

# Rain stops Cowbridge first XI

**A M A Z I N G L Y ,** Cowbridge's 1st XI played some cricket on Saturday, a day better suited to whatever indoor occupation took your fancy!

The 1st XI travelled to the pretty and well kept but small ground at Drefach in Carmarthenshire. In a nutshell the home side scored 218-9 and then it rained.

No further play was possible, the game was abandoned and the 1sts came home. Only points for the abandonment we allocated.

The Drefach wickets were claimed by Skipper Neil Brand, Rian Thomas and the returning Rene Regis, all getting two with Tom Merilah and Joe Russell getting one each.

Darren van der Vyver was at his splendid best behind the sticks bagging a run out and a stumping. It is academic to speculate it Cowbridge would have succeeded in chasing the win but given the way they have been batting this year a bookie would have made them favourites.

Frustratingly league leaders Bronwydd actually beat Pontyberem in the same corner of Wales to strengthen their position with Cowbridge still second. That the 1st XI are not leading is due to

JB

## Bridge results

**RESULTS** for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for June 15, the first round of the club championship:

1st Tony Disley & Phil Felman 62.04%, 2nd Steve Burgoyne & John Evans 60.88%, 3rd Mike Best & Kevin Maddox 59.72%. LE

## MP admires the fascinating artefacts of St Canna's



**THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, joined the committee of St Canna's church in Llangan at an open day to mark the recent building improvements, and view registers and artefacts detailing hundreds of years of history in the village.**

The records will be managed by a newly-launched group, Friends of St Canna, based at the church.

The MP admired the "beautifully restored church" and "fascinating" archaeological work in the church grounds.

# Countdown to biggest Vale Show yet!

ORGANISERS have already started the countdown to the Vale Show at Fonmon Castle on Wednesday, August 12.

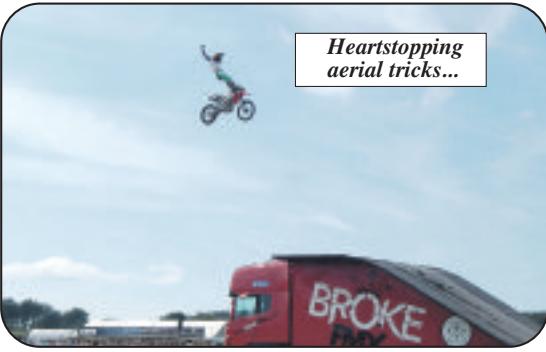
The show is the highlight of the Vale summer and the 2015 show is set to be "the biggest yet" with a huge variety of attractions for all the family to enjoy.

The main ring entertainment at this year's Vale of Glamorgan Show will be the Broke FMX freestyle motocross stunt show. The performance will bring the UK's top ranked freestyle motocross riders to the Vale, performing their heart-stopping aerial tricks.

Visitors to the family show will be able to meet the stunt riders and have a close look at the bikes before and after

the acrobatic stunt show. A spokeswoman said: "There is so much for families to see and do in an action-packed day at the Vale Show... see the livestock in the grand parade, tour the showground on the road train, catch the Punch and Judy show, enjoy the delicious Welsh food in the food court and browse over 250 trade stands. There really is something for everyone.

"For the first time, you can buy early-bird tickets at a reduced price via the show website [www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk). For further information, ring 07513 141698. Come and have a fun-filled family day at the show on Wednesday, August 12 at Fonmon Castle, near Barry."



Heartstopping aerial tricks...

## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2015

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# Something afoot in Porthcawl!

THERE are plans afoot for Porthcawl again! After more than a decade of disappointment, frustration and sheer bad luck, there are now proposals for redeveloping the Salt Lake car park.

This builds on the work that's been done in the harbour and the plans for the Jennings Building and port area. It seems the new plans include residential and leisure use, as well as a new health centre, which the town will welcome.

We've not yet seen any detail on the plan, and it's not clear what sort of leisure facility it would be and who will pay for it, but it's a start.

It seems a serious proposal and I'm looking forward to seeing more about it in the next few weeks.

*Who would you take advice from if you wanted to invest your money? Well, the Chancellor of the Exchequer would be the last person you'd want to see.*

Last week he announced that he is going to sell the UK Government's shares in the Royal Bank of Scotland at a loss of £7 billion. That's right to run the Welsh NHS for a year.

There are serious questions about why he wants to do this and why the taxpayer has to take this loss. Surely it would be better to wait until the bank is in a stronger position and sell the shares at a profit?

I suspect that he is short of money to pay for the manifesto pledges that David Cameron made at the general election and needs to have a fire sale. It's a shame that all of us will have to take the loss.

*Cardiff Airport goes from strength to strength. Those who've been there will see the improvements that have been made so that the airport no*



by **Carwyn Jones**,  
AM for Bridgend  
and First Minister

*longer looks under siege and the terminal building is far more welcoming.*

We've also seen Flybe base aircraft there and are offering more than 12 routes, which is the most significant boost the airport has had for 10 years.

Yet the Welsh Conservatives are still willing to fail, all because it's Welsh Government owned. They didn't want us to save it, and you get the impression that they would have been happy to see a housing estate at Rhoose and the British Airways base gone.

We decided that the airport was important and when it was offered to the Welsh Government at a realistic price, we bought it. In time, we'll look to get a private investor in, but for now, it's doing well.

*I for one would never have wanted to see it disappear, and it's good to see that all those who work at the airport and the surrounding area are being rewarded for their hard work over the years.*

## WEST END STAR TO HELP TAKE 'CARE' OF PUKKA PRODUCTIONS



Vivien Care (second back left) with 'PUKKA Potential'.

**PUKKA**  
Productions  
welcomed their  
new patron, Vivien  
Care, to their  
Saturday morning  
Theatre School last  
week.

She is course leader and founder of the MA Musical Theatre Course at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Originally from Penarth, Vivien trained at the Welsh College of Music and Drama, and then at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where she received the prestigious Mary Hammond Prize.

Since then, she has sustained a busy and varied career in musical theatre, concert, recording, TV and radio, including West End roles in *Les Misérables* and *The Sound of Music*.

Vivien lives in Barry and was keen to become involved with the arts in the local community. PUKKA is a long established Theatre School for ages three to adult and is run entirely for the benefit of its

members, their families and the community.

Vivien said: "I was genuinely delighted to be asked to become PUKKA's new patron, as I just love the enthusiasm and energy of everyone involved. There's a brilliant sense of community and positive encouragement and I'm so happy to be able to use my professional experience to contribute in any way I can."

PUKKA are putting on a performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the Paget Rooms, Penarth from July 29 to August 1. Tickets are £15 and include cabaret seating and complimentary champagne and programme. The Friday and Saturday evening performances are already sold out but tickets for Wednesday and Thursday are still available from Sarah on 07917 400674.

Contact PUKKA at [pukkaproductionsbarry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pukkaproductionsbarry@yahoo.co.uk).

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apprentice who has just set up his own salon in Barry.

Connor says: "I wouldn't have got here without all of the help I received from the college. You can do anything with a college like Cardiff and Vale College."

Spaces on the college's courses are filling up fast, but there is still time to apply. Interested in making a difference to your life?

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# Schools' young athletes have eyes on trophies

THE under-14 (years 7 and 8) and under-16 (year-9) girls' athletic teams took part in the knockout Cup preliminary round of the Cardiff and Vale knockout Cup.

Each pupil is only allowed a maximum of one track and one field event. It is a team competition, so in each event the team need the highest amount of points.

In Cowbridge Comprehensive's preliminary round, they competed against Whitchurch, Mary Immaculate, Corpus

Christi, Llanishen, St Cyres and Fitzalan. Bro Edern were also in the under-14 competition.

The first two teams qualified for the A Cup final and the third and fourth position the B Cup final held on June 17.

The very talented under-16 team made up of all year 9 pupils came first winning eight of the 12 events - 100m Tirion Evans 3rd 13.7s; 200m Jordan Meek 1st 27.9s; 300m Ffion McNamee 1st 50.1s; 800m Jessica Wadey 1st 2mins 34s; 1500m Mali Howell 1st 5min 31.4s; 4 x 100m (Ffion McNamee, India Maurice, Jessica Wadey and Jordan Meek) 1st 2nd 5.56.0; 4 x 100m

57.2; 75m Hurdles 1st (Saffron Maurice, Beth Megan Hodgson 1st Edwards, Charlotte Tudor and Hannah Dixon) 1st 56.4; 70m hurdles Saffron Maurice Isobel Annetts 4th 3m39; High Jump Saffron Maurice 3rd 1m25; Shot Amalie Clode 4th 6m01; Discus Hollie Oakman 1st 20m27; Javelin Emma Jones 5th 13m16.

## UNDER-15 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cowbridge took part in the under-15 Cardiff and Vale Championships at Leckwith Stadium.

There were many good performances from the girls, noticeably Megan Hodgson in the pole vault who won with a new personal best jump of 3m05 with a championship best performance.

Jessica Wadey also won the 800m with a time of 2 minutes 24.71. There were second places for Jordan Meek in the 300m final with 45.89s and Tirion Evans in the pole vault with 2m80, which equals her personal best.

Other results were: 100m Bethan Edwards 6th in heat 2 with a time of 14.3s; 200m Ffion McNamee 5th in heat 3 with 31.4s and Charlotte Tudor 4th in heat 2 with 31.75s; 300m Jessica Wadey was only allowed to take part in the heat as she did not compete in the preliminary round

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800m Meriel Clode came 9th with 2min 45 and Emily Jenkins 13th in 2min 49; 1500m Mali Howlett came 5th in 5min 22 and Sophie Hawkins 7th in 5min 38; 75m hurdles Eve Mordecai came 4th in the final with 13.8s and Helena McCormack was 8th in the final with 15.1s; 1.5km walk Lauren Sleet came 3rd with a time of 10min 19 and India Maurice 5th in 10min 31.

The relay squad of Tirion Evans, Jessica Wadey, Bethan Edwards and Jordan Meek came 6th in the final; high jump Jordan Meek came 9th overall with a clearance of 1m35 and Sophie Rees 16th with 1m25; long jump Ffion McNamee 9th with a jump of 3m 67; Shot Discus Hollie Oakman came 13th with a throw of 6m 68 and Sarah Jones 16th with 6m 62.

Discus Hollie Oakman came 7th with a distance of 17m27; javelin Tirion Evans came 15th with a throw of 12m94; hammer Sarah Jones competing for her first time and first time she had ever thrown the hammer came 5th with a throw of 15m13.

Well done to all the girls who competed - it was an excellent performance by you all.

Years 8 and 9 athletics team.



## Bridgend Town cricketers' unbeaten run is all over

BRIDGEND Town CC under-14s were away to Port Talbot Town under-14s at the New Mansel ground, on a glorious sunny evening.

Port Talbot Town batted first and got off to a flying start, with the Bridgend attack uncharacteristically struggling for line and length.

Port Talbot opener N.Lee took full advantage, finally retiring on 53, an innings containing 8 fours he was ably supported by J.Crocker who also reached his 50.

With plenty of wickets in hand, England development squad member A.Griffiths hit a quick fire 20. The Port Talbot innings finally reached 151 off their 20 overs.

The best of the Bridgend bowlers was E.Biebrach who bowled 4 overs

for 14 runs, the two wickets to fall were taken by C.Hart and J.Hayes.

With over seven and a half runs an over required, Bridgend were never up with rate and early wickets fell, Bridgend opener H.Evans hit 25 including one six but was out to a sharp catch by N.Lee; O.Johns, E.Biebrach and C.Hart all fell cheaply.

Port Talbot shared out the wickets, A.Griffiths, S.Parsons, G.Jones and D.Russ all taking one wicket. A rear, guard action by J.Hayes (17 not out) and D.Pritchard (8 not out) pushed the score onto 84 for 5 off their 20 overs, but Bridgend fell well short of the total, resulting in an eight wicket win for Port Talbot.

**Team:** A.Arun, E.Biebrach, H.Evans (wk/c), C.Hart, J.Hayes, S.Humphries, O.Johns, Z.Mitchell, O.Peters, D.Pritchard, D.Roderick. **JH**

## BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB: LATEST NEWS

THE results at recent events in Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

**Wednesday, June 10:** 1st John Henson and Geoff Tinkler, 2nd Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner, 3rd Laura Woodruff and Mike Close. Winners on handicap - John Henson and Geoff Tinkler.

**Thursday, June 11:** 1st Rosalie Cloade and Leila O'Hagan, 2nd Mari Jones and John Hillman, 3rd Mike Williams and John Henson.

Winners on handicap - Rosalie Cloade and Leila O'Hagan.

**Friday, June 12:** 1st Norma and David Newman, 2nd John Henson and Terry Dolan, 3rd Irene

Wickham and Glyn Williams. Winners on handicap - Norma and David Newman.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a Gentle Duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

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# Wanderers win against Sully

WITH another Saturday washed out, it was down to the Barry Wanderers Sunday XI to provide the cricketing action this weekend.

The Sunday team were on the road to redemption following a heavy defeat the week prior against Westbury On Severn.

This week's guests were local rivals Sully Centurions. BWCC lost the toss and were put in to field with a damp wicket which was still drying out.

Sam Harris opened and as early as the third over he took the scalp of the skipper Tom Davies, caught at point by Alun Wade. Moggy at the other end kept things extremely tight and was rewarded with two further wickets early on, both caught at mid off by Blundell. Harris had a further wicket caught by Darragh, and Moggy cleaned bowled Thomas for a duck and Sully were reeling at 35-5.

Following this great start, Shae Ellis came to the fore and he looked to up the runs at a rate of knots, dispatching change bowler Ian Ford and young Luke Grant; Grant managed to get the wicket of Hicks before drinks, and Sully

were 75-6.

After drinks Kunal had a few overs and toiled to no avail.

At the other end Wade's bowling was being dispatched by Ellis, although he was dropped by Darragh.

The next opportunity came two balls later where Emma Davies chipped one to mid wicket, but Darragh decided to run past it which left the viewing public in disbelief!

Sully went to 125-8 and finished 144 all out.

The Wanderers went out to bat and were soon 102-0 off 18.

That was until disaster struck and Kunal retired

which brought Alun Wade in at 3. While Wade was watchful, Blundell decided to get on with matters and bring the game home. He strolled past 50 with nonchalant ease, following that up with two big sixes.

Wade got himself in comfortably. With a cheeky chip over cover and to finish the game a flick off the pads to square leg, the game was done and the Wanderers won by 10 wickets.

The Glenbrook Inn man of the match went to Neil Blundell.

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## JSTKD shine at championships!

IT was another successful outing for Vale based JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness at the recent Welsh Open Tae Kwon Do Championships.

There was a double celebration taking place with not only excellent results from the squad but also in welcoming back team captain, Hannah Hunt, who had returned from the USA to lead her teammates in the tournament.

Hannah moved to Florida with her family 18 months ago but has kept in close touch, following the continued success of the club and encouraging her friends via Facebook.

However, this time

Hannah was able to offer first hand support during her visit. Recently attaining her Black Belt 2nd Dan, Hannah attended all the specific pre-tournament training sessions to help everyone sharpen their technique and then resumed her place as captain on the day.

The team certainly didn't let her down and were in fine form from the word go - both junior and adult members pulled out all the stops to bring home the medals.

First on for the adults were Nathan MacIver and Chris Edwards, both competing in the Men's Blue Belt division. Nathan literally 'rose' to the challenge, facing a much taller opponent with a formidable reach.

Undaunted, he kept his cool and thanks to some clever manoeuvring came away with the silver.

Meanwhile, Chris was proving equally troublesome to his rival and claimed the bronze. For the ladies, Lynne Doel was also determined to come away with a result and stood her ground to take the bronze in the Blue Belt contest.

In the Boys Black Belt Cadets, Alan Li yet again turned in an inspired performance, displaying not only some fearsome kicks but also great athleticism to clinch his first silver of the day with the second coming later

in the Boys Blue Belt in the Black Belt Cadets Lightweight event. Both

Teammates Rhys Doel, Menna Burmingham, Dylan

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## Local archers aim for the top!

LLANTWIT MAJOR Archery Club sent a small but talented team to the Welsh & Open Field Championships which were held near Lampeter on June 13/14.

Despite entering a team of just four archers, the local club still managed to shine, with every archer returning with a medal.

With rainfall fluctuating between light and torrential during round one, and with the courses being rated four out of five on difficulty, even the most experienced archers found this year's championship to be one of the most challenging for some

years.

In the Ladies Recurve division, the club's chairperson, Teresa Goodwin, led from the front, tackling the challenges of the elements and the shots, delivering a career best performance to land the title for the second year running.

It was a similar story in the Gents Recurve division, where the experience of three time world champion Mathew Symmonds showed as he coasted to his 10th successive championship title.

Meanwhile, newcomer Stephen Harrison showed great promise with a second placed finish in his first outing at the national championships.

The team's only junior, Ieuan

Graham, was hot favourite to defend the Junior Barebow Recurve title that he won last year - and he did not disappoint, returning strong scores despite the difficult conditions to complete a successful defence.

In the team event, the Llantwit Major team were hot favourites but in the event they were pipped to the gold by a single point, beaten by an all junior team from Bridgend-based club, Blandy Jenkins Archers.

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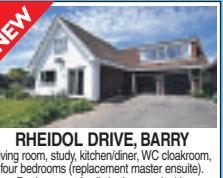
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Phyllis will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends.

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## NEVENS

## David

Mary, Roger and Edward would like to thank everyone for attending David's funeral service and for the many cards and kind messages received and for the donations made to Prostate Cymru.

Special thanks to Velindre and Princess of Wales Hospitals, the Cowbridge & Vale Medical Practice and the Cowbridge District Nurses for their care and dedication.

Thanks also to Rev David Boult and William James & Sons, Funeral Directors, whose professional services were much appreciated.

## YARROW

## Keith

Rose and Wendy would like to thank family, friends, neighbours and staff of Ward 2, Princess of Wales Hospital for their kindness and compassion, and for the sympathy cards and flowers received at this sad time.

We would like to thank Heather the Minister for the lovely service and also thanks to Thomas Brothers, Funeral Directors, for their support and help.

## TAPSCOTT

## Barbara

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, on June 9, Barbs of Pontypridd Road, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Trevor, much loved mother of David, Lyndon, Howard and Helen, mother-in-law of Sue, Jan, Marlene and Tim. Adored grandmother to all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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It was Doreen's wish that ladies do not wear black at her funeral.

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# BARRY VETS VISIT FRENCH FIELDS!



**BARRY** veterans travelled to Beauvais, France on our annual pilgrimage for the 10th anniversary of the *Tournoi* to celebrate the life of Jean Paul Cheron on Saturday, May 30.

With only a few training sessions behind them, the vets travelled over more in hope than confidence of defending the winner's trophy from last year.

As always we had some newcomers and the weekend was the richer for the addition of mature vets Offy Scott and Steve Griffiths along with a few middle aged players.

This year's tour theme was aptly 'Tour to France' cycling regalia and there were some lovely and unforgettable sights on the journey over. We were greeted with traditional French hospitality on arrival with 'olde' friendships being reunited.

The usual revelries on the Friday night and slight confusion with the coach driver, resulted in a different warm up for the start of the *Tournoi* on the Saturday morning.

Chairman of selectors Paul Delaney chose a

strong team to start. Sensibly against a good French team the backs were utilised perfectly by No 9 Dimond and Barry cruised to a comfortable victory.

Phillips, Williams and Provis combined beautifully after the Barry pack had won good ball. However, in the next two games, ill-discipline and some bizarre refereeing decisions resulted in a 1-0 loss and then a keenly fought 1-1 draw with our new friends Bretigny 'Beti' Bixkor'.

The sheer look of confusion/amazement on the new players faces, as we kicked off and 'Bixkor' players all did the dying fly impressions will be etched on many memories. Luckily the new players saw the funny side and restarted the game - a draw was a fair result.

Barry competed well in a feisty contest against Laon but were beaten 1-0 and their defence of the title was out of reach.

Lunch came at the perfect time as batteries were running low. It was a fitting tribute as always with Beauvais that a photo shoot with all the participating teams was arranged. This demonstrated the camaraderie of vets rugby with

the usual rugby songs being shared.

Barry ended the day as they started with better distribution of the ball to the backs, utilising their speed and spaces.

Barry won the first game quite comfortably against Houilles but had to demonstrate excellent defence to hold out for a 1-0 win in their last game against the eventual runners-up Plaisir in the 'Tournoi'.

Mention must be made of the 17 squad members who were still standing to play the last two games.

Congratulations to Clermont Senlis who won the *Tournoi* - keep it safe for next year as Barry will be back to challenge for the trophy!

Another successful tour was had by all and thanks to organising committee of Knapman, Pritchard and Tanner. As always thanks go out to Beauvais, Patrick, Yannick and Guy for once again organising a successful *Tournoi*.

*Special thanks to Pat Jones for her usual buffet on the somewhat lengthy return journey on a malfunctioning coach - until next time 'au revoir et bon chance'.*

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# Rising Sun students impress!



Spencer and Lee Bennett.



Paul Stephens.

THE summer season has really kicked off for the Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate club.

Brothers Sensei Lee and Sempai Spencer Bennett got back into their stride and competed on the same bill for the first time since 2010. The brothers competed in the English Open full contact karate event.

Other members of the club, Paul Stephens and Des Brown, were selected to represent Team Wales in a home international against Ireland at the village hotel.

First on the bill was Sensei Lee Bennett's eagerly awaited comeback fight on British soil and it went ahead against a strong seasoned English opponent.

Lee's years of combat experience showed throughout the bout, showing the crowd some spectacular high kicks, almost knocking his opponent out within the first minute.

The bout went the maximum of three extensions, with Lee showing superior fitness in the final third of the fight gaining a unanimous decision. A well-earned third place was earned by Lee on a very experienced fight card.

Lee was unable to compete in the next round of the tournament due to a pulled calf muscle he sustained during training for the event, but was pleased to place third overall after a three year break from competition.

Sempai Spencer Bennett placed second after going up against two very capable opponents, first battling Cardiff's Lewis Harry over three consecutive rounds and taking a unanimous decision.

The final was against international and world class opponent Dawid Ozga. The previous bout looked like it had taken its toll on Wales' number one full contact fighter, yet he only just missed out on the win by split decision over four hard fought rounds, the award for first place slipping through his fingers by a home English decision, although the blow of defeat was softened by the judges awarding Spencer best spirited

fighter of the tournament.

On Saturday, June 6, Paul Stephens and Des Brown were selected for Wales to compete in the Wales vs Ireland international event at the village hotel in Cardiff.

Both fighters had trained hard for this leading up to the event, and to be eligible for selection the fighters had to attend hard Welsh squad sessions. The night was packed full of home and travelling fans.

Des Brown's task was to fight an experienced Irish heavyweight fighter. Des began to overpower his opponent in first round, but all judges gave it a draw. The second round saw the Irish fighter begin to take control of the fight with Des slowly falling behind in the fight.

A final 20 second push at the end of the second round gave Des one last chance to swing the fight into his favour, but the end result was two flags to Wales and three to Ireland.

Paul Stephens was the last fight of the night, and he came out of the blocks with some punishing liver punches and strong low kicks. The fight was pushed into overtime with Paul winning the bout by a split decision.

Overall Team Wales won the event, and 2016 will see Team Wales travel to Ireland to try and retain their title.

The club is constantly looking for new talent within the community and aim to give students the chance to see the world with the clubs top class international instructors.

The Rising Sun Kyokushin Karate Club train at the Barry Island Community Centre Mondays and Wednesdays between 6pm-9pm - anyone interested in joining the club contact Sensei Lee on 07811 110368. SB

## Island Marine hold football festival



making the long journey to south Wales.

The afternoon was another brilliant success with players enjoying playing football in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The festival was again organised brilliantly thanks to the hard work of Richard Belby and Sian Blackmore, who prepare months in advance to ensure that everyone who attends the festival has the best experience.

Thanks must also go to the volunteers who helped to mark out pitches, set up goals, collect litter and control the car parking, the ladies who added colour to the festival with their hair spraying talents and to Barry Comprehensive for allowing us to host the festival at the school.

The biggest thanks must go to the players, coaches, parents and supporters who made the festival a success by competing, supporting and playing football in the right spirit and just enjoying the day. NO

RECENTLY, the Island Marine FC held their third annual football festival at the Barry Comprehensive playing fields.

After weeks of planning and with over 550 players from 50 teams and 21 different clubs, including Inter Penarth, Sudbrook Cricket & FC, FC Barry, Treorchy Boys Club, Cardiff Crusaders, Park Lions, Rhoose FC, Sudbrook Girls FC, Sully Sports, Ely Rangers, Penydarren Boys & Girls, Cogan, Lisvane, Porthcawl Town, SB Frankfort AFC, Bridgend Street, Pontyclun FC, Llanrumney FC, Cowbridge Town, Porthkerry Pumas and Island Marine, it was time to put all the hard work into action and bring the festival to life.

With volunteers up early to prepare, the morning saw the under-6s, 7s and 11s enjoy a great morning of football. It was the first time that the Island Marine under-6s had played in a football festival, wearing their new kits which arrived the day before - it was great to see the next generation of IMFC players take to the field.

With only an hour to prepare for the afternoon, it wasn't long before teams from under-8s, 9s and 10s were arriving to get the afternoon's festival underway. SB Frankfort AFC travelled all the way from Plymouth to take part and a big thanks to Adam Williams, players, coaches and parents for

making the long journey to south Wales.

The afternoon was another brilliant success with players enjoying playing football in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The festival was again organised brilliantly thanks to the hard work of Richard Belby and Sian Blackmore, who prepare months in advance to ensure that everyone who attends the festival has the best experience.

Thanks must also go to the volunteers who helped to mark out pitches, set up goals, collect litter and control the car parking, the ladies who added colour to the festival with their hair spraying talents and to Barry Comprehensive for allowing us to host the festival at the school.

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Ray Way - the winner of the singles final.

## The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 9:

1st Peter Millar & Jane Brook 70.31%; 2nd Mike Close & Mark Roderick 63.54%; 3rd Hilary Laurence & Vivien Liles 56.77%. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address.

DR

# MUNRO CUP LOSS FOR CADOXTON BOWLERS

THE rink skipped by Gordon Davies, in this Munro cup game at home to Central, started well against Ted Hudd with a 5-1 lead.

However, only one end during the next nine, brought success. This left them too far behind despite winning the last four ends.

Don Kuhnell skipped against Ken Tanner and the two new players for Central belied their innovation to outshine the Cadoxton front players. This advantage led the way for a comprehensive away success.

K Chedgoy's rink trailed 9-3 against Tom Goddard, but a '4' on the next end started a winning run, to remove the deficit, and lead 16-9. Unfortunately, with two ends left the advantage had been wiped out at 16-16. Although scoring a single on the next, the home side went down when conceding two on the last end.

The only rink to finish in Cadoxton's favour was skipped by John Jones. They steadily built up a lead with all four players sharing the scoring shots. This stopped when the score reached 13-6, and the opposition gradually pulled back, winning the remaining ends except for a '3' near the end, which decided the outcome.

*Scores: R Byrne, D Fanning, I Robertson, G Davies 13-16 C Ditchburn, D Brewer, O David, E Hudd; S Clements, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 16-13 S Downes, J Hawkins, J Eathes, D Goddard; I Heppenstall, A Field, J Ferguson, K Chedgoy 17-18 G Young, G Carsairs, T Caged, T Goddard; J Stacey, G Powell, S Clarke, D Kuhnell 8-23 G Castle, G Goldthorpe, L Tanner, K Tanner. Final score: 54-70.*

## CADOXTON V CAERPHILLY SOCIAL - CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Caerphilly for their second league match, hoping to add to their winning start last week.

Unfortunately for the home side, they were three players short so had to play with three triples and a four.

Don Kuhnell's rink was always in control against the 'four', with Steve Clarke continuing his good form as lead, and well assisted by the second, Jamie Ferguson. This left only the occasional need for Derek Brook to reclaim the head, and the skip to have an easy afternoon.

Gordon Davies started well again on his rink, with an 8-3 lead, but it was whittled down to 9-9.

A '2' regained an advantage, but a '4' against took

it away once more. Although a further '3' was scored, four of the final five ends were lost.

Roy Harding's rink more than covered this defeat. They took full advantage of the extra bowls to score regularly, and had domination throughout the match, for this comprehensive result.

John Jones struggled in the early stages of his match, with his rink failing to score during the first four ends, to trail 7-0. Four shots were scored in the next two ends, but this was followed with four further fruitless ends.

The second half of the game produced a good recovery when shots were conceded on just two further ends, which enabled the advantage to change for the first time on the penultimate end. A '2' on the last end ensured another success.

*Scores: J Stacey, A Prince, I Davies, J Jones 20-17; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgoy, R Harding 23-10; R Byrne, L Adams, I Robertson, G Davies 15-20; S Clarke, J Ferguson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 21-11. Final score: 79-58.*

## CADOXTON V WINDSOR - MUNRO CUP

Cadoxton managed just one winning rink in this Munro Cup Match at Windsor; this was skipped by Derek Brook against Eddie Thorne.

It was a close match with the score level on 6, 8 and 9. A '3' on the next gave the visitors an advantage. Two singles each on the remaining ends held onto the lead.

Gordon Davies conceded a '6' during the opening ends on his rink against Tony Holmes, and never managed to recover and was comprehensively defeated.

John Jones skipped his rink against Ken McLeod and also dropped a '6' to go 8-0 down after two ends. This resulted in another heavy defeat.

Kelvin Chedgoy was matched against opposing skip Maurice Hope and this was a much closer affair. During the early stages the home side held the upper hand and lead 14-5 after 11 ends.

A '4' started the fight back and with two ends remaining the scores were level. Unfortunately the recovery was ended with a '2's against.

*Scores: R Byrne, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries, G Davies 7-32 A Morgan, C Barton, P Gunter, T Holmes, J Stacey, A Prince, P Swannick, J Jones 11-23 M Matthews, P Gooding, P Hudson, K McLeod; S Clements, R Morris, J Ferguson, K Chedgoy 15-19 C Lewis, A Woodcock, S Close, M Hope; S Clarke, A Field, I Robertson, D Brook 14-11 D Davies, A Dudley, B Rogers, E Thorne. Final score: 47-85.*

## CADOXTON V LLANTRISANT - CML6

Cadoxton travelled to Llantrisant full of confidence after winning their first two matches. However on a rainy afternoon their hopes were shattered.

Don Kuhnell's rink started well with a 7-0 lead, but with the two front players failing to master the conditions, the home side took full advantage by winning the next 14 ends, amassing 28 shots.

The next end broke the run when Derek Brook trailed the jack to 3 back woods to make four, and with the luxury of holding shot, at last, the achievement was increased to a six with two further added by Don. Unfortunately, this success was too late to matter.

Meanwhile, Howard Craven skipped his rink to a 17-3 lead by the 11th end and looked certain of a win. This was not the case as the opposition took over by winning nine of the final ends, to win by one shot.

Gordon Davies's rink also found the conditions difficult and they trailed 18-4 after 13 ends. There was a welcome recovery after this with 12 further shots added while conceding 4 in the remaining ends.

Roy Harding started well when his rink reached a lead of 8-3. Four losing ends left them three shots behind, which they recovered on the next end, only to drop behind again.

The 18th end another '3' gave them a one shot lead. Two singles against left a one shot deficit going into the final end. During this end the shot changed sides on numerous occasions before Roy drew the shot to tie and collect the only point from the 14 available.

*Scores: J Stacey, L Davies, J Jones, H Craven 20-20; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgoy, R Harding 18-18; R Byrne, L Adams, D Jeffries, G Davies 16-22; S Clarke, I Robertson, D Brook, D Kuhnell 14-31. Final score: 67-91.*

## CADOXTON 'A' V RUMNEY - CML7

The last two Saturday fixtures of Cadoxton 'A' side played with three players short against Rumney and Spott Phoenix, at home, with an expected defeat in both.

Hopefully the 'hospital' list will improve shortly and a full competitive team can be fielded. If there is anyone looking for a regular Saturday afternoon game, they would be welcome.

DK

## Vale pupils join to show 'racism the red card'

THE Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) campaign has continued its campaign to educate young people in the Vale about racism.

Over the past year they have given 35 workshops in 29 schools and six youth clubs. The sessions focused on various issues around racism, stereotyping and terminology.

Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism charity whose aim is to raise awareness amongst young people about racism in society.

They make use of the powerful position of professional footballers

and other sports stars as role models to deliver important messages about racism.

They have received a positive response from the teachers and pupils who have been involved in their sessions with one attendee saying: "The workshop shows how it makes people feel when you use the wrong term for their colour, culture or religion."

Pupils from Evenlode Primary School attended an event at the Cardiff City Stadium. They took part in an anti-racism workshop in the morning which strengthened their understanding of the topic before taking part in a role play

press conference in the afternoon.

Pupils acted as journalists and posed questions to a panel of current and ex-Cardiff City players.

A similar event took place with pupils from Llanilltuod Fawr Primary School at the Cardiff Arms Park. Pupils who posed the best questions were awarded with tickets to a Cardiff Blues match and a SRtRC goodie bag.

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for visible services and leisure, said: "Racism in all sport must be stamped out. I support all of the initiatives with schools and children that help us to achieve this aim."

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08 SEAT Leon 1.9 TDI Sky Lance 5-Dr	In silver, 72,000 miles, nice example	£5,995
01 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 SXi 3-Dr	In black, 20,000 miles, low insurance	£5,795
09 PEUGEOT 308 Verve 1.6 5-Dr	In black, 36,000 miles, one owner	£5,495
06 SEAT Ibiza 1.2 'S' 3-Dr	In silver, 29,000 miles	£5,395
09 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Extreme 3-Dr	In black, 36,000 miles, low insurance	£5,295
08 VW Golf 1.4 'S' 5-Dr	In met blue, 79,000 miles, a/c etc, ideal family hatch at	£5,295
08 ALFA Romeo 159 Lusso 1.9 Diesel	In met-grey, 68,000 miles	£5,295
01 FIAT Bravo 1.4 Dynamic 5-Dr	In met-grey, 54,000 miles, fantastic value	£5,295
09 DAIHATSU Sirion 1.0 'S'+ 5-Dr	In met-wine, low running costs, low insurance, £30 road tax	£2,995
08 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 Sport 3-Dr	In electric blue, a/c alloys etc w/c l etc	£2,995
07 VAUXHALL Vectra 1.8 Exclusive Estate	In met blue, 80,000 miles	£2,995
06 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 Life Automatic 5-Dr.	In silver, 86,000 miles	£2,995
05 CITROEN C2 Design 1.4	In black, 46,000 miles, 2 owners	£2,695
05 PEUGEOT 407 Exclusive Estate Automatic	In met-grey, 48,000 miles	£2,695
05 RENAULT Megane 1.9 Diesel Dynamique Convertible	In black, low mileage	£3,495
07 FIAT Bravo 1.4 Dynamic 5-Dr	In met-grey, 54,000 miles, fantastic value	£3,295
11 JAGUAR XK 5.0 Sport Edition Convertible	In silver, 28,000 miles, black/cream leather	£30,995
05 RENAULT Megane 1.9 Diesel Dynamique Convertible	In black, low mileage	£3,495
09 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Titanium 5-Dr	In hot magenta, 27,000 miles, 1 owner	£6,995



**56 MERCEDES CLK 350 Elegance**  
Convertible Auto  
In met silver with grey leather, 62,000 miles  
**£9,995**



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In red, 87,000 miles with panroof, bodykit, alloys etc  
**£3,495**



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Convertible  
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**05 RENAULT Megane 1.9 Diesel**  
Dynamique Convertible  
In black, low mileage  
**£3,495**



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in hot magenta, 27,000 miles, 1 owner  
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## Congratulations champ! VIP ADMIRERS ARE IN LEE'S CORNER

FOLLOWING Lee Selby's open-top bus tour through Barry on June 6, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, joined the Vale Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Barry town in the Mayor's parlour, to personally congratulate him.

Selby beat Evgeny Gradovich on May 30 to win the title at London's O2 Arena and Jane Hutt said: "It was fantastic to meet Lee and congratulate him on his incredible sporting success - Barry is very proud."

Lee is pictured here with Jane Hutt AM, Coun Charlotte Williams (Deputy Mayor of Barry town) and Coun Fred Johnson, Vale Mayor.

### Hectic Week for World Champion Selby

THE new champ was also congratulated by the MP, Alun Cairns, who welcomed him to



Parliament.

Mr Cairns invited Lee and his team for a tour of Parliament. The champ also met the Secretary of State for Wales, Stephen Crabb, during his visit.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to have been able to welcome Lee and his team to Westminster. He is a great, yet humble, champion who has made everyone in Barry and the Vale incredibly proud."



## German golfers visit Vale

A group of 11 golfers from the Black Forest region of southern Germany recently visited one of the Vale's best known restaurants, Illtud 216 in Llantwit Major.

They were here for a week, playing some of Wales' best known courses such as Celtic Manor, Royal Porthcawl Machynys and the two Vale courses at Hensol where they stayed.

The connection they have with this area started 25 years ago when golf professional John Hastings, who is now teaching at St Andrew's Major golf club, worked at Baden-Baden Golf Club where some of them were



Enjoying a meal at Illtud 216.

Hans Furler was the company's lawyer and went on to become a very prominent politician in Germany and later became President of the European Parliament Assembly in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

As a regular visitor to Illtud's 216, John knew the group would be offered food of the highest standard and as George, the owner and chef, hails from Austria he could speak with them all in his native tongue!

They were all very impressed with

Llantwit Major as a town and found the history especially of the church and surrounding area fascinating.

"The golf courses we played have been truly magnificent and everyone has been so friendly," said

Wolfgang. "We will be going back to Germany with a very positive impression of the Vale and all it has to offer both golf-wise and culturally – even the weather was kind to us with sunshine during the whole week!" he added.

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## The Barry Sea Cadets prosper in competition

NOT only did Barry Sea Cadets host the South Wales District annual canoeing competition on Barry Docks on Sunday, June 7, but they emerged as the overall winners of the event.

Barry Sea Cadets have been training hard under civilian instructor Teilo Richardson, who qualified as a canoe instructor last year.

They were, however, disappointed when the district training scheduled for Saturday

was called off due to high winds. Despite this they went on, during the competition on Sunday, to win five out of the eight events and take the overall prize by two points.

Prizes were presented by Lt Cmdr Stephen Daniels RNR who congratulated all of the cadets, many of whom will now go on to represent south Wales at the area canoeing competition in Bristol Docks.

PO Dean Crappnell Commanding Officer of the Barry Sea Cadet Unit said: "We had a fantastic result today, showing the

excellent training done by CI Richardson. Special mention must go to Cadet Platts who persevered in the marathon event and came a very creditable second, inspiring the whole team. They all did really well."

*Barry Sea Cadets parade on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and are currently looking for volunteers who can help with delivering activities for young people; they can be contacted by e-mail at barryseacadets@gmail.com.*

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## BARRY YACHT CLUB ADDS TROPHY TO COLLECTION!

BARRY Yacht Club Sea Rowers secured another trophy at Aberaeron on Sunday, 7 June.

The strong winds which had been blowing all day Saturday thankfully dropped away for the races on Sunday.

The conditions were still fairly challenging and much concentration was needed to make sure the oar was actually in the water!

Aberaeron made a perfect setting with the picturesque harbour behind and an uninterrupted view of the races out to sea.

The men's 3.5 mile event was the first race of the day. Barry Sea Rowers continued their winning streak taking the men's Supervets Trophy



Trophy delight for our local rowers!

in a time of 39 mins, 56 seconds, four minutes behind the winners from Aberystwyth.

The last race of the day, the mixed event, was very competitive with all positions keenly fought. Barry Sea Rowers, with two regular crew of Christine and Sarah, joined by new rowers

Bill and Ian, rowed those who wish to get a brilliant finish to 13th place in a boat.

If you'd like to have a 37mins 29 seconds.

A big thank you to Jane, who coxed both

go at sea rowing then

come down to the Barry Yacht Club Open Day at 12.30pm on Saturday, June 27.

With the next race at Llangrannog only two weeks away there is plenty of opportunity for

For more information, e-mail: rowingsection@barryyac

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hclub.co.uk.

## OGMORE'S NICK HANGS UP HIS RIDING BOOTS

NICK Williams of the Ogmore Pony Trekking Centre, who is fast approaching his 30th birthday, has decided to hang up his race riding boots.

Likeable Nick, who has ridden 168 point-to-point winners and a further 44 under rules, and once had a spell as assistant trainer to Llancarfan's Evan Williams (no relation) said: "I was working all the week at Dad's pony trekking centre and race riding at weekends, which meant that I didn't see much of my wife Louise and son Theo."

Nick, younger brother of former National Hunt jockey Christian, is a former Welsh champion rider and just as in the case of his brother, The GEM has followed and reported on his successes ever since he rode his first winner.

This was on Rimpton Boy at Lark Hill in 2002 and some GEM readers will remember Nick scoring on his father's *Touch and Pass* when he first began riding in point-to-points.

Of all the winners he has ridden, Nick says that win was a special one for him.

On one memorable evening he booted home three winners at the Cheltenham Hunter Chase meeting and it was on one of these winners, *Tordoff Express*, that he won the once prestigious Horse & Hound Cup at Stratford in 2004. Christian had won the race in 2002 on *Primaticcio*.

He won the Welsh Grand National Point-To-Point at the Pentrech Hump Point-To-Point Steeplechases on two occasions, the first in 2011 on prolific winner *Findlays Find* and the second the following year, 2012, on *Dear Villez* and he had a big following at Welsh point-to-point meetings.

Nick, who was a great judge of racing pace, will not be lost to the sport as he will be taking in horses for pre-training as well as training a few himself.

So if there is anyone out there who is thinking of buying a horse for point-to-pointing then you will find him at the Ogmore Pony Trekking Centre.

### TIM SAVES BOOKIES

Aberthín's Tim Vaughan put a smile on the bookies' faces at Fontwell Park last week when his *Tachbury*, racing for the first in nearly a year, beat *Knockyoursocksoff* by a length and a quarter.

The reason being that *Knockyoursocksoff* was the subject of a huge gamble being backed from 10-1 to 13-8 favourite.

*Tachbury* was ridden by Richard Johnson and David Williams, of Ladbrokes Bookmakers, said: "Phew, that's a relief! That would have made for a moody Tuesday, thank goodness for Dickie Johnson."

**FLINT'S WELCOME WINNER**  
Bridgend's John Flint had a welcome winner last Thursday at Uttoxeter when his eight-year-old *Taroom* romped home a 20-1 winner of the handicap hurdle race.

Partnered by Mr Flint's son Rhys, *Taroom* won by nine lengths from *DanceInToTheLight*.

### ANOTHER WINNER FOR TIM

Aberthín's Tim Vaughan won the Aintree Golf Driving Range Novices' Hurdle last week with his eight-year-old *Lamool*, a course and distance winner which came home 11 lengths ahead of *Oculist*.

*Lamool*, the oldest horse in the race, was ridden by Richard Johnson and was an odds-on favourite.

Welsh trainers Dai Burchell, Grace Harris and Roger Charlton all saddled winners at Chepstow.

Burchell scored with 5-1 shot *Prim And Proper*, Harris with 7-2 chance *Living Leader* and Charlton with 4-1 chance *Captain Marmalade*.

While at Newton Abbot Burchell also took the opener with *Fuse Wire* and Bargoed's Bernard Llewellyn won with *Pandorica*, which was ridden by his grandson Robbie Williams.

BRIAN LEE

